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## BRITISH LINER CALIFORNIA IS SUNK WITHOUT WARNING; THE ONLY AMERICAN KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN ON BOARD SAVED

**Consul Frost, at Queenstown, Reports That John A. Lee, of Montgomery, Ala., is Among the Survivors—Some of the Passengers and Members of the Crew Are Still Missing, Including Two Women and Several Children.**

**WHETHER INCIDENT IS LIKELY TO DRIVE THE UNITED STATES INTO WAR, OFFICIALS DO NOT ATTEMPT TO SAY**

**President Wilson Had Retired Last Night Before Latest Report Was Received and Was Not Awakened—Sinking of the California Has About Swept Away Last Lingering Hope That Germany will Permit Passenger Ships to Escape.**

Washington, Feb. 7.—The steady stream of reports telling of the destruction of merchant ships by German submarines was brought to a climax tonight by a cablegram to the State Department tonight from Consul Frost at Queenstown announcing that the British passenger liner California had been torpedoed without warning, and that an American citizen was among the survivors.

Whether this will prove to be the overt act to drive the United States into war no one would attempt to say tonight. President Wilson, who must make the decision, had retired when the news came and officials did not wake him. Late in the afternoon he had been informed of a message from Consul Frost telling of the sinking of the California, but giving no details as to warning or the presence of Americans.

**Await Complete Reports**

The President undoubtedly will wait for complete reports on the disaster before determining whether the time has come for him to go to Congress to ask authority to "use any means that may be necessary for the protection of our seamen and our people."

The consul's first dispatch said there was "one death and thirty hospital cases," among the more than 200 people on board the liner. The second added no information concerning casualties except that the survivors were landed at Queenstown tonight, among them being John A. Lee, of Montgomery, Ala., the only American known to have been aboard, and that some were still missing, including two women and several children. The fact that the American escaped lessened in a degree the excitement created by the news, but only in a degree. More than a score of merchant craft have been sent to the bottom in the war zone within the past 24 hours, and fifty or more since the German proclamation of ruthless warfare on seas went into effect last Thursday. It is realized that if no citizen of the United States was among the victims, it merely was a fortunate accident and that it can be only a matter of hours before Americans are caught in such wholesale destruction.

The California, which was bound from New York for Glasgow, is the first big passenger steamer to be destroyed since the Arabia was torpedoed in the Mediterranean months ago. Her sinking has about swept away the last lingering hope here that Germany after all would permit passenger carriers to escape in an effort to avoid driving the United States to hostilities.

**Preparations for War Continue.**

The message from Consul Frost came at the close of another day devoted to energetic preparations for the war regarded as virtually inevitable and to guarding against any act of the United States which might precipitate hostilities.

The most important step taken during the day was the sending of telegrams by Secretary Lansing formally notifying American ship owners that the State Department could not advise them as to whether their vessels should sail on voyages through the war zone, but at the same time stating that the rights of American vessels to traverse all parts of the high seas are the same as they were prior to the issuance of the German declaration and that a neutral vessel may take any necessary measures to prevent or resent attack if it believes it is liable to be attacked unlawfully. This in effect informed American owners that they are at liberty to arm their ships if they desire.

Formal endorsement of the breaking off of relations with Germany was given by the Senate after a five-hour debate on Senator Stone's resolution expressing approval of President Wilson's action. The vote was 78 to 5.

**Impressed by U-Boat Activities.**

With the California, the immediate issue, officials were deeply impressed by the completely thoroughness of the German undersea campaign, and its promise, on the figures of the last two days, of carrying out Germany's threat to isolate England completely. Lloyd's

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## STEAMERS HELD IN PORT INDEFINITELY

**Postponement of Sailing of Liners St. Louis and St. Paul Announced by Owners**

**ALLOWED TO CARRY GUNS**

**State Department Declines to Advise Private Persons Whether Ships Should Start on Voyages Leading Into U-Boat Zone**

New York, Feb. 7.—Sailing of the American Line steamships St. Louis and St. Paul, now in the port of New York, has been indefinitely postponed, it was announced here tonight by P. A. S. Franklin, president of the International Mercantile Marine.

The announcement followed an official statement received by telephone from the State Department at Washington declining to advise private persons as to whether or not their ships should start on voyages which would take them within the war zones laid down by Germany. The State Department pointed out, however, that neutral vessels may arm themselves for defense if the owners so elect and that it is the right of an American vessel to traverse any part of the high seas.

After receiving the message from Washington, Mr. Franklin issued the following statement:

"The American Line announces that the sailing dates of the steamers St. Louis and St. Paul, now in the port of New York, have been indefinitely postponed. The following message was received today by telephone from Secretary of State Lansing:

"'The government cannot give advice to private persons as to whether or not their merchant vessels should sail on a voyage to European ports by which they would be compelled to pass through the waters delineated in the declaration issued by the German government on January 31, 1917.

"'It, however, asserts that the rights of American vessels to traverse all parts of the high seas are the same now as they were prior to the issuance of the German declaration and that a neutral vessel may, if its owners believe that it is liable to be unlawfully attacked, take any necessary measures to prevent or resent attack.'

"The American Line officers have now taken under consideration whether to sail their steamers within prohibited waters or whether it is their duty to provide guns and gunners on their own account."

**INSURANCE IN FEDERAL WAR RISK BUREAU SOARS UPWARD**

Washington, Feb. 7.—Increases ranging from 125 per cent. to 900 per cent. for war risk insurance issued by the Federal war risk insurance bureau were announced today by Sec. McAdoo.

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## AUSTRIA-HUNGARY WILL DO NOTHING TO CAUSE BREACH

**High Government Official Says All Moves Are in the Hands of President Wilson**

**THE PRESS IS NOT BITTER**

**There is Universal Desire to Continue on Good Relations With United States**

Vienna, Feb. 6, via London, Feb. 7.—Government circles today were calmly awaiting new developments with regard to the submarine controversy with Germany and Austria. A high official said to the Associated Press that all the moves were in the hands of President Wilson; that the Austro-Hungarian government was not seeking complications and would do nothing which would enable the President to go before the American people with the claim that he had been driven to radical action.

The government's attitude appears to be of calm determination to follow the policy announced. The desire to continue in good relations with the United States is universal on the part of the press and the public. This morning's Vienna newspapers again occupy themselves largely with President Wilson's action in severing relations with Germany. Personal attacks on the President are not indulged in, though the claim is made by many of the newspapers that President Wilson has finally unmasked himself and his cabinet and that, contrary to being an ardent peace promoter, he is really a silent ally of the Entente, and, if Great Britain had ultimately faced defeat, would have rushed into the breach anyway.

All the newspapers express the hope that the American Congress will now be heard from. It is expected by the newspapers that this body "will consider the case on its merits and from a purely American standpoint." The leader in this thought is the Neue Freie Presse which formerly has been in the closest touch with the American embassy and in recent weeks has ardently supported President Wilson personally and his peace program. The views of the semi-official Fremdenblatt are virtually the same, while the Neues Wiener Tageblatt goes a little beyond the Neue Freie Presse in its utterances. The Vienna Arbeiter Zeitung, an important Socialist newspaper, expresses the same views as the Neues Wiener Tageblatt.

**DANIELS AND BAKER APPROVE ORGANIZING COLLEGE MEN**

**Representatives of Leading Universities to Confer Saturday**

Philadelphia, Feb. 7.—The plan announced here yesterday for the organization of an intercollegiate intelligency bureau to put at the disposal of the government the trained resources of the American college world has received the endorsement of Secretaries Baker and Daniels and a conference of college men will be held in the State-War-Navy building at Washington Saturday. William McClennan, of the University of Pennsylvania, in making the announcement today, said that representatives from many leading universities would attend the conference.

## SENATE VOTES TO UPHOLD PRESIDENT IN BREACH OF RELATIONS WITH GERMANY

**Senator Stone's Resolution is Passed Following Debate Lasting Five Hours**

**FIVE SENATORS OPPOSE IT**

**Vardaman, Gronna and Works Believe Action Unjustified. Text of Resolution**

Washington, Feb. 7.—President Wilson's severance of diplomatic relations with Germany was approved formally today by the Senate. By a vote of 78 to 5 the Senate expressed confidence in the President's course, adopting a resolution submitted by Chairman Stone, of the Foreign Relations committee, endorsing the withdrawal of American Ambassador Gerard from Berlin and the giving to German Ambassador Bernstorff his passports.

Senators who voted against the resolution were:

Democrats—Kirby, of Arkansas, and Vardaman, of Mississippi.

Republicans—Gronna, North Dakota; Works, California, and LaFollette, Wisconsin.

Five hours of debate preceded the vote, but the only active opposition came from the five senators who stood out against the resolution when the roll was called. The ranking Republican leaders joined the Democrats in declaring whole-hearted support of the President.

**Text of Resolution**

The text of the resolution follows:

"Whereas, the President has, for the reasons stated in his address delivered to the Congress in joint session on February 3, 1917, severed diplomatic relations with the imperial German government by the recall of the American ambassador at Berlin and by handing his passports to the German ambassador at Washington; and

"Whereas, notwithstanding this severance of diplomatic intercourse, the President has expressed his desire to avoid conflict with the imperial German government; and

"Whereas, the President declared in this said address that if in his judgment an occasion should arise for further action in the premises on the part of the government of the United States he would submit the matter to the Congress and ask the authority of Congress to use such measure as he might deem necessary for protection of American seamen and people in the prosecution of their peaceful and legitimate errands on the high seas,

"Therefore be it resolved by the Senate that the Senate approves the action taken by the President as set forth in his address delivered before the joint session of the Congress as stated above."

**Presented by Senator Stone**

"I have presented the resolution," said Senator Stone, in bringing the matter before the Senate, "because I think we should let the world know that we support the President of United States whenever, acting within his constitutional power, he speaks authoritatively for the country. There are senators who thought it would have been the better part of wisdom if the President had postponed the severance of diplomatic relations with Germany at least until Germany had committed some overt act offensive to this government and sufficiently aggravated to warrant a step so grave in possible consequences, but the President took a different view, which with great ability he strongly supported in his address before the joint session.

"I think it both wise and advisable for the Senate to say officially that it accepts and approves this action of the nation's chief magistrate."

**Kirby Speaks in Opposition**

Senator Kirby made his first address to the Senate, an impassioned declaration that he would not support the resolution.

"I regard it as a preliminary declaration of war," he said, "if the resolution shall be voted upon favorably today. I do not believe the time has come in the history of this country when we shall side with Germany or when we shall side with the allies. The time has not come, in my opinion, when we should commit ourselves by the adoption of this resolution to any policy that the President may hereafter pursue. Under the constitution and the law he has no power to declare war, but he has in fact the power to plunge the nation into war and to make it necessary for Congress to declare it and he has almost done so."

**Lodge Supports President**

Senator Lodge, ranking Republican member of the foreign relations committee, led the discussion in favor of the resolution for the minority. He asserted that the President had taken grave action and that he felt it his duty to support him "to the utmost of my power." He also appealed to the Senate against divisions in the crisis as the best guaranty to preserve peace.

"My earnest hope," said Senator Lodge, "is that at this time personal feelings, political feelings, political enmities will all be laid aside, that we may remember only that we are citizens of a common country, that we are all Americans, and that our first duty is to stand together in this controversy, which has unhappily arisen with another nation, and let that nation and the world know that when the President speaks, as he has spoken, he has the Congress of the United States and the people of the United States, no matter what their race or origin, behind him in the one simple character of American citizens."

Senators Vardaman, Gronna and Works all declared that they could not

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## BARRIER IN WAY OF FEEDING BELGIANS

**German Submarine Proclamation, Unless Modified, is a Serious Obstruction**

**INSINCERITY IS ALLEGED**

**Belgian Government Issues Statement Regarding Effect Rupture Between United States and Germany Will Have**

Havre, Feb. 7.—The Belgian government, replying to inquiries made by The Associated Press respecting the effects upon Belgian relief work of the rupture between the United States and Germany, has made the following statement:

"The German government, after having notified President Wilson of its determination to begin unrestricted submarine warfare, charged the German administration at Brussels to communicate its determination to the American, Spanish and Dutch ministers at Brussels and to the president of the national committee for Belgian relief and supplies, making known to them the terms of the blockade decreed against England and in the Mediterranean. The German administration made at the same time a declaration affirming that the German government did not wish to hinder the feeding of Belgium by the Commission For Relief in Belgium, but that it intends to impose henceforth upon ships transporting food for Belgium or northern France the new rules imposed upon navigation.

"The German government by this communication has evidently desired to lead Belgian opinion to impute to England responsibility for all hindrance or trouble that might result for the feeding of Belgium by the application of the harsh regime decreed by Germany.

"This representation of the situation is inexact. England has always given active co-operation to the feeding of Belgium by the vessels of the relief commission, and if the continuance of the work depended upon the decisions of Great Britain the Belgian government would not have the least anxiety. The obligation for relief ships to submit their cargoes for inspection as to contraband has never caused the least obstacle in the past and would not in the future. The actual difficulties placed by the German communication are elsewhere.

"The first is inherent in the physical condition of navigation that the vessels of the relief commission must call at a port to take coal necessary for the return voyage, and this port of call in the present circumstances must be an English port, because there is no other at which coal may be taken. The second circumstance is that the commission obtains in England one-fifth of the food necessary to provision Belgium. However, one may look at the question, the feeding of Belgium is seriously obstructed by Germany unless the vessels of the relief commission may be allowed to penetrate the blockade zone."

"Germany is aware of it. If, nevertheless, she maintains her general

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## TWO-QUARTS-A-YEAR BILL OPPOSED BY HOUSE COMMITTEE

**Garnishment and Homestead Bill Gets Unfavorable Report from Senate Committee**

**CONSENT BILL IS KILLED**

**Senate Passes Measure to Divide State Into Two Judicial Circuits and 20 Districts**

(BY W. J. MARTIN)

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 7.—The House committee on liquor traffic gave a long hearing this afternoon to advocates of the Anti-Saloon League bill to reduce liquor deliveries to two quarts per year and make other sharp advances in the prohibition regulations of the State, the two quarts allowed being strictly for medicinal purposes. The outcome was that the committee voted 7 to 11 for an unfavorable report of the bill which must now go to the floor of the House under a minority favorable report.

There were nine members of the committee absent. For the hearing J. A. Brown, of Chadbourne, as chairman of the Anti-Saloon League legislative committee, was in charge and the discussion was opened by Dr. W. L. Poteat, of Wake Forest College. Other speakers included Rev. M. T. Plyler, C. H. Ireland, T. J. Markham, Dr. L. B. McBrayer, W. S. Taylor, F. S. Blair, W. T Shaw, Frank Lypfert, former Representative Bolick and J. D. Elliott.

**No Place to Meet**

The hearing was to have been in the Representatives Hall but another committee got ahead there. Then the big crowd filed over to the Senate chamber but another committee was holding forth there. The Supreme Court library was next invaded, but the big crowd was too much for any nook of the library. After an hour or more of effort the committee and big following settled in Odd Fellows' Hall, where the hearing proceeded to the unfavorable termination in the adverse report the committee voted in executive session, following the public hearing.

**Garnishment Bill**

The Senate committee on constitutional amendments gave an unfavorable report this evening for the North Carolina Merchants Association bill to amend the constiution to eliminate the homestead and to provide for garnishment of percentages of wages and other incomes for debt. The vote was 5 to 3. The House committee did not vote, there not having been a quorum when the voting time came. A. B. Justice, of Charlotte, and J. M. Broughton, Jr., Raleigh, were among the advocates of the bill who were heard.

**Age of Responsibility**

The House had a strenuous debate on the bill from the Senate that would amend the Revisal to raise the age of moral responsibility from 10 to 14 years and increase the age of consent to 18 years. It has passed the Senate, but was defeated in the House 47 to 57.

The House sided with Cleveland county in the contest with Gaston over possession of Kings Mountain and passed by a roll call vote of 85 to 9 a bill to confirm Cleveland's possession of this territory through the election

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## Heavy Toll of Shipping is Taken by German Submarines Within 24 Hours

Another trans-Atlantic passenger steamer plying between New York and the British Isles—the California—has been sunk by a German submarine. Like the Lusitania, the steamer is declared to have been torpedoed without warning and some of her passengers and crew, including two women and several children, are said to be missing. The one American on board was rescued.

The sinking of the liner took place off the coast of Ireland. The survivors among her 31 passengers and crew of 184 are being taken to Queenstown. The California was a vessel of 8,662 tons.

Including the California, British, Italian and Peruvian ships of a known tonnage of 22,625 have been sent to the bottom during the last 24 hours by German submarines. In addition, one British steamer, the tonnage of which is not known, and two British steam trawlers and two fishing boats also have been sunk, while the British steamer Azul, a vessel of 3,074 tons, is reported as "probably" sunk.

Ships reported sunk today, in addition to the California, include the following, all of them British, unless otherwise designated:

St. Ninian, 3,026 (?) tons; Corsican Prince, 2,776 tons, crew landed; Saxon Briton, 1,337 tons, two of crew killed, captain and 14 others landed; Azul, 3,074 tons, 12 survivors landed; Vestra, 1,021 tons; Crown Point, 5,218 tons; two trawlers, two fishing boats; Peruvian bark Lorton, 1,419 tons; Italian steamer Ferruccio, 2,192 tons.

London, Feb. 7.—The crew of the British steamer Palm Leaf, assert that after their vessel had been torpedoed by a German submarine the captain and chief engineer were made prisoner by the Germans who left the other members of th ship's company in open boats.

**SAYS IT LEARNS THAT THE LARS CRUZ WAS TORPEDOED**

London, Feb. 7.—The Central News says it has learned that the Belgian relief ship Lars Krus, which was sunk near the Belgian coast on Monday, was torpedoed.

**SURVIVORS LANDED FROM TWO SHIPS WHICH WERE SUNK**

London, Feb. 7.—The British steamers St. Ninian and Corsican Prince were sunk today, says the Central News. The survivors have been landed. Seventeen men are reported missing. Lloyds says the Corsican Prince was sunk this morning and that part of her crew was landed.

**BRITISH ADMIRALTY "NOT ALARMED" OVER SUBMARINES**

London, Feb. 7.—"We are not alarmed at the sharpened submarine war. We knew it was coming and prepared for it. Time will tell how our confidence is justified."

This statement was made to The Associated Press today at the admiralty, and it was added:

"It must be remembered that one submarine may cruise whole days without getting a victim. For instance, on one day since February 1, torpedoes were fired on sight at seven of our merchantmen without getting a single hit. We have taken measures which we have every reason to believe will frustrate the U-boat warfare. Of course, it is obvious that we cannot reveal them—the daily reports of the decrease in sinkings will be the best evidence of our success."

## SECRET SERVICE MEN COMING TO THIS CITY

**Machinery on German Ships in Port Reported Damaged**

**Chief of District and Assistants Ordered to Wilmington from Charlotte in Connection With Refugee Vessels**

Charlotte, N. C., Feb. 8.—Henry Thomas chief of the Southeastern district of United States secret service with headquarters in this city, with several of his subordinates, has been ordered to Wilmington, N. C., for special duty relating to the presence of two German ships interned there.

It is reported that the machinery of one or both of the ships at Wilmington has been damaged. Frank Blalock, who was in the Shadow Lawn detachment of secret service men, has been temporarily transferred to Charlotte.

**First Regiment Reaches State**

Asheville, Feb. 7.—The first regiment, North Carolina infantry, arrived here from El Paso shortly after midnight. The two Asheville companies detrained here and the other ten companies left for their home stations.

## SAYS HOLLAND CANNOT FOLLOW LEAD OF U. S.

**Geographical Location Makes Contrasting Difference**

**Dutch Newspaper Explains Why, Surrounded as Holland is by Belligerents, It Is Safer for Country to Remain Neutral**

Berlin, Feb. 7. (via Sayville).—The Dutch newspaper Nieuwe Rotterdamsche Courant is quoted by the Overseas News Agency with respect to the attitude of the United States towards Germany and the suggestion of President Wilson that other neutral countries join with the United States in severing relations with Germany.

"The action of the United States seems only a prelude to participation in the war, although such participation is not desired by the United States," says the paper.

"In our country nothing is known about the attitude of our government towards intenstified submarine war; therefore it can be pointed out that our government, which has to count with the interests of our county, may very well consider things different from the American government. America is amply provided with steel, iron, coal, bread, corn, fats and all victuals; is not surrounded by belligerent countries, but is even separated from them by a broad ocean; in American ports are numerous German ships, among them the finest of the German mer-

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## FLETCHER LEAVES FOR MEXICO CITY SATURDAY

**Anxiety for Him to Get to His Post is Increased**

**Because of Uncertain Traffic Conditions Between Vera Cruz and Mexico City the Ambassador Will Go by Way of Laredo**

Washington, Feb. 7.—Ambassador Fletcher expects to leave Saturday for his post in Mexico. Final instructions probably will be given him tomorrow by the President.

Official reports to the State Department have shown traffic conditions between Vera Cruz and Mexico City so uncertain that the ambassador has decided to go by rail via Laredo. Rebels between the coast and capital have cut the railway and attacked trains repeatedly in the last two weeks, practically isolating Mexico City from Vera Cruz.

It was reported that Manuel Palaez recently defeated the Carranza garrison at Tamihua, within a few miles of Tampico, and occupied several other small towns near Tampico.

In spite of worse conditions in Mexico the State Department's anxiety to get Ambassador Fletcher to his post has been increased by the rupture of relations with Germany, since it is recognized as a probability that an outbreak of hostilities would give rise to many problems that it would be desirable for an accredited diplomatic representative to handle.

## WOULD GIVE POWER TO COMMANDEER SHIPPING

**Bill With Sweeping Provisions Introduced in Both Houses**

**Administration Urges That Measure be Pressed to Immediate Passage. Property Could be Seized Even Without Notice.**

Washington, Feb. 7.—Sweeping provisions for commandeering vessels and other shipping facilities in case of war or threatened war are contained in a bill introduced in both Senate and House today and backed by a request from the administration that it be pressed to immediate passage.

The President would be authorized under the bill to take over "in time of war or any proclaimed National emergency" any vessel owned by a citizen of the United States or by a corporation organized in the United States; any vessels building in the United States; any vessels registered under the American flag; any vessel purchased, leased or chartered by Federal shipping board; or any other instrumentality of water commerce within the country, including docks, warehouses and other terminal facilities.

A provision is attached specifically prohibiting sale of American vessels to foreigners or their transfer to foreign flags in time of emergency. Under the present law the President may lay

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# KING OF ENGLAND OPENS PARLIAMENT

## Says Allies Have Fully Outlined Their Aims in Reply to President's Peace Note

## RESOLVED TO WIN VICTORY

**Ambassador Page Occupies Front Seat In Diplomatic Box and Recent Events Made Him Center of Marked Attention.**

London, Feb. 7.—King George, in opening parliament today, said that the response of the allies to the invitation of the President of the United States outlined their aims as far as could be done at present. The king added:

"Threats of further outrages upon public order and the common rights of humanity serve to steel our determination."

King George said in part:

"For the third time in succession I summon you to your deliberations in the midst of war. Certain overtures of which you are aware have been made by the enemy with a view to opening peace negotiations. Their tonor, however, indicated no possible basis of peace. My people throughout the empire and my faithful and heroic allies remain steadfastly and unanimously resolved to secure the just demands for reparation and restitution in respect of the past and guarantees ofr the future which we regard as essential to the progress of civilization.

"In response to an invitation by the President of the United States of America we have outlined so far as can be done at present the general objects necessarily implied by these aims.

"Threats of further outrages upon public order and the common rights of humanity will but serve to steel our determination more."

**Prays God For Blessings**

After a brief reference to the work of the British naval and land forces and the coming conference of British overseas dependencies the king concluded:

"You will be asked to make necessary provision for effective prosecution of the war. Accomplishment of the task to which I have set my hand will entail unsparing demands on the energies and resources of my subjects. I am assured, however, that my people will respond to every call necessary for the success of our cause with the same indomitable ardor and devotion that have filled me with pride and gratitude since the war began. I, therefore, confidently commend to your patriotism the measure which will be laid before you, and I pray that Almighty God may give his blessings to your counsels."

The scene within the houe of lords as King George read his speech presented a striking military spectacle in marked contrast to the usual civil procedure. The king wore a uniform of an admiral of the fleet. The escort of their majesties included Admiral Jellicoe, first sea lord; Lieutenant-General Sir William Robertson, chief of the imperial general staff, and Field Marshal Viscount French, commander-in-chief of the armies in the United Kingdom. Of fifty peers massed at the left of their majesties thirty-one were in khaki.

**Ambassador Page Present**

Walter Hines Page, the American ambassador, occupied a front seat in the diplomatic box immediately to the right of the thrones. Recent events had made him the center of marked attention, the lord justices, bishops and peers leaving their places to greet him. The lord chief justice, in impressive robes, even paused as he entered the chamber for a cordial exchange with the American ambassador. Lords Bryce, Northcliffe and Beresford were among those who exchanged greetings with Mr. Page.

In an adddress in the house of commons, former Premier Asquith described Germany's new naval policy as one of "undisguised savagery." He said it was not worth while discussing the motives which actuated the German government. The novel feature of it was that it was a direct and defiant challenge to the conscience and to the interests of the entire neutral world.

**Asquith Refers to America.**

"This declaration of war on neutrality," continued Mr. Asquith, "is a challenge which has been taken up with dignity and without delay by the greatest of neutral states. It is not for us to forecast the bearing of this memable event upon the future of the war. Still less is it fitting for us to tender advice or suggestion to a government which is well able to take care of itself. We shall hail with acclamation, with a strain of family pride, the stern and resolute determination of the other great English-speaking power to frustrate the enormity of those who have abundantly earned for themselves the title of enemies of the human race."

Andrew Bonar-Law, the chancellor of the exchequer, in addressing the commons, expressed satisfaction with what he alluded to as the perfect manner in which former Premier Asquith had voiced the feeling of the country on the role of the neutrals in the face of the submarine menace.

**U-Boat Danger Not Minimized.**

Mr. Bonar-Law said he did not minimize the submarine danger but that some of the best brains in the country was concentrated upon the problem and he was not without hope, whatever the ravages of submarines might be, that something might be done to replace the lost tonnage by new ships.

In the house of lords the Marquis of Crewe, reviewing the situation, said that Germany had thrown aside the mask of humanity by her latest utterance, and had promised a warfare of unequalled savagery which was staggering not in the sense its authors hoped, but to those who contemplated Germany's moral position.

The speaker said he knew of no parallel in modern history for Germany's act. Even Napoleon and Frederick II., he said, unscrupulous as they were, would have shrunk from such a threat. The action of the United States government in the face of the German menace, he added, would be founded on a high moral basis. He hoped, however, that nobody would suppose that the action of America would make it less incumbent upon the allies to do the utmost possible to win the war.

# Conflagration in Monroe Last Night

**BELK BROTHERS HEAVIEST SUFFERER IN FIRE THAT ENTAILS LOSS ESTIMATED AT $100,000 TO $150,000.**

Monroe, N. C., Feb. 7.—The business section of Monroe was visited by a serious fire early tonight entailing a loss of between $100,000 and $150,000, partially covered by insurance.

Belk Brothers, a large department store, was the heaviest suffered.

The Rudge Book Store, Monroe Telephone Exchange and Lee & Lee department store also sustained losses.

The fire is said to have started from a wood stove.

**GERARD BELIEVED TO HAVE CROSSED GERMAN BOUNDARY**

**Though This Is Not Certain—No Word Direct From Him**

Washington, Feb. 7.—The state department has received a report that American Ambassador Gerard has reached Berne, Switzerland.

From European sources outside of Germany, the government has learned that the German government actually did consider Mr. Gerard practically as a hostage until it received advices from Washington detailing the arrangements made for the safe departure of Count von Bernstorff.

The arrival of Mr. Gerard in Berne was announced in a despatch from him to Ambassador Willard in Madrid who forwarded it without further information, to the State Department.

It was disclosed today that on Monday the state department sent a long despatch giving the plans worked out for the safe departure of the former German ambassador and his suite. Any plans German officials might have entertained to restrain the departure of Mr. Gerard were then dropped.

The German government's action is believed to have been more in the nature of a move to compel a safe return of Count von Bernstorff through the allied blockade rather than any step against Mr. Gerard of the United States.

Ambassador Willard at Madrid reported to the state department today that he had received a despatch from Ambassador Gerard sent from Berne, Switzerland.

Although no word came from Ambassador Gerard himself or from American Minister Stovall at Berne, the state department interpreted Mr. Willard's despatch as indicating that Mr. Gerard had left Berlin and gotten as far as the Swiss capital.

The fact that Mr. Gerard was not expected to leave Berlin before Sunday, coupled with the possibility that he may have sent a despatch to Berne to be transmitted to Ambassador Willard, makes it possible, however, that Mr. Gerard has not left Germany.

**RUMANIANS TRANSPORTED TO GERMANY TO BE INTERNED**

**Reason Assigned by Germany Denied by Rumanian Foreign Minister**

Paris, Feb. 7.—The Rumanian minister of foreign affairs telegraphed today to the Rumanian legation in Paris that Germany has begun to transport for internment in Germany all Rumanian males from 16 to 67 years of age, although the French, Russians, Italians and Portuguese protected by the Spanish legation are being left in the country.

"This treatment, so the Germans say," reads the telegram, "is because Rumania gave up to Russia the Germans in its power and that there were transported to Siberia. It is absolutely false that Rumania has ever delivered German subjects to Russia. It has not, then, been possible for them to be sent to Siberia.

"The German government itself counts so little upon the pretext invoked that before announcing its decision to transport Rumanians to Germany it proposed to the Rumanian government the exchange of Germans interned in Rumania for Rumanians in Belgium.

"The Rumanian government can do nothing but protest against this new attack upon its rights by appealing to the universal conscience, which at the proper time, will aid Rumania in exacting all the compensation due her."

**TAKES CHARGE OF THE U. S. EMBASSY AFFAIRS AT BERLIN**

Berlin, Feb. 6. via Sayville, Feb. 7.—The Overseas News Agency says that the Spanish embassy today took charge of the affairs of the American embassy here.

# WILL UNITE IN JOINT PROTEST TO GERMANY

## Scandinavian Nations Decide to Pursue This Course

**Sweden's Geographical Situation Makes It Impossible For Her to Follow Lead of United States In Breaking Relations.**

Stockholm, Feb. 7, (via London).—Sweden and the other Scandinavian nations have decided to unite in a joint protest to Germany over the latter's submarine blockade.

Responsible statesmen declare that, even if Sweden desired to follow the lead of the United States her situation would render this impossible while the United States is so favorably situated geographically and so mighty in resources that it could limit its participation in the war to such extent as it might desire. Sweden, on the contrary, they assert, is exposed to great possibilities of harm on either side and certainly would be obliged to suffer great hardships without any sure prospect of concrete gain.

Ira Nelson Morris, the American minister, today had a long conference with the foreign minister, Wallenberg, after which he would say only that President Wilson's note to neutrals was one of the subjects discussed.

Later it was learned that Mr. Wallenberg requested Mr. Morris to call and inform him that the king and council had considered carefully President Wilson's invitation to Sweden to join with the United State in breaking off diplomatic relations with Germany, and had reached the decision that such action was impossible under the existing circumstances. Sweden's formal answer has not yet been delivered but only its phraseology remains undetermined.

**SPANISH GOVERNMENT MAKES FIRM AND DIGNIFIED PROTEST**

Madrid, via Paris, Feb. 7.—The Spanish government's reply to Germany's submarine war zone note is a firm and dignified protest against it. It declares that Germany's decision to close completely certain sea routes is outside the legal principles of international law. It adds that if Germany hopes to have Spain's help to avoid more loss of life it must be understood that Spain, while ready at the proper time to lend the initiative in support of the establishment of peace, cannot accept the legality of exceptional methods of war.

**CUBA ACTS PROMPTLY ON THE NOTE FROM GERMANY**

Havana, Feb. 7.—Germany's note regarding submarine warfare was received here this morning. President Menocal conferred at the palace with the committee on foreign relations and at 4:30 o'clock this evening the government forwarded a reply to Germany protesting against her policy of unrestricted submarine warfare.

## DAY IN CONGRESS

**SENATE**

Met at 11 a. m.

Commerce committee began considering amendments to the shipping law to empower the government to commandeer merchant ships being built in this country for foreign owners in time of war.

Finance committee continued consideration of emergency revenue bill.

After five hours debate passed by a vote of 78 to 5 Senator Stone's resolution approving the President's course in breaking relations with Germany.

Debated annual agricultural appropriation bill.

Adjourned at 6:30 p. m. to 11 a. m. Thursday.

**HOUSE**

Met at noon.

Considered miscellaneous bills on the calendar.

Adopted conference report on fortifications appropriation bill.

Passed Keating resolution requesting President for information regarding discrimination against women in government eaminations and appointments.

Recessed at 6:25 p. m. to 8 p. m.

Reconvened at 8 p. m. and considered miscellaneous business.

Adjourned at 10:30 p. m. to 11 a. m. Thursday.

## War News Summary

The capture by the British forces in France of the village of Grandcourt which is considered an important position from a strategic point of view in their operations toward Bapaume, together with a defensive work adjoining it, constitutes the greatest gain for any of the belligerent forces as contained in the latest official communications.

Except for some rather sharp fighting in Galicia along Beresina river and in Lorraine, the fighting on the various fronts continues to be carried out by small parties and the big guns.

# REPUBLICANS OPPOSE ENDING 'LEAK' INQUIRY

## They Announce That They Have "Just Begun to Investigate"

**Indications Are Whipple is Planning to Close His Case—Name of Another Newspaper Man Brought Into Hearing.**

Washington, Feb. 7.—In spite of a strong sentiment among some Democratic members of the "leak" investigating committee in favor of bringing the inquiry to a close Friday or Saturday, Republican committeemen disclosed tonight that they had just "begun to investigate."

Until it is proved beyond all doubt that the alleged leak originated with the two Washington newspaper men, J. Fred Essary and W. W. Price, who have admitted they sent out warning messages on the peace note, the Republicans say they will not agree to terminate the inquiry. One Republican said tonight he believed several Democrats would join in forcing continuance of the investigation.

Every indication tonight was that Sherman L. Whipple, counsel for the committee, was planning to close his case. He began today examining State Department employes who aided in transmission of the note, and is said to plan calling all the newspaper men to whom Secretary Lansing confided that a note was coming, and employes of the government printing office. Other newspaper men and Mrs. Ruth Thomason Visconti also are to be called, but the committee is not convinced that any of them will give valuable testimony.

Official announcement was made tonight that Mrs. Visconti, who Thomas W. Lawson swore told him Secretary Tumulty "and others" were involved in Wall Street deals, would testify either tomorrow or Friday. It is expected Mr. Whipple will confine her testimony specifically to what she knows about the leak.

Another Washington newspaper man, N. O. Messenger, of the Washington Star, was brought into the inquiry today. W. B. Hibbs, a local broker, testified today that for some years he has paid Messenger "not to exceed $100 a month," for the privilege of calling him on the telephone and asking about Capitol events. Nothing was developed to indicate that Messenger ever had furnished Hibbs with advance information.

John H. James, head of the State Department bureau of information, testified that a printer's proof of the peace note lay in an unlocked drawer in his office throughout the greater part of December 20. All other copies were guarded with great care, according to testimony.

Frank L. Polk, counsellor to the State Department, was questioned about reports of leaks in the department during Secretary Bryan's regime, but said he had investigated and was certain they no longer existed.

**AMENDMENTS TO NAVAL BILL TO BE REPORTED FAVORABLY**

**One Provides For Commandeering of Ship Yards and Munitions Plants**

Washington, Feb. 7.—Favorable reports were ordered by the House naval committee today on three administration measures which will be offered as amendments to the naval appropriation bill when it is to be taken up in the House again tomorrow for immediate passage.

One of the amendments would authorize a bond issue of $150,000,000 to cover the cost of prompt completion of warships now under construction and the purchase or construction of additional submarines, destroyers and supplies. Another would authorize the commandeering by the government of ship yards and munitions plants, and the third would appropriate $1,000,000 to purchase basic patents of aircraft.

At Secretary Daniels' suggestion the committee eliminates a provision for drafting into the naval establishment the officers, agents and employes of any private plants commandeered.

**GUARDS WITHDRAWN FROM REFUGEE GERMAN STEAMERS**

Baltimore, Feb. 7.—Under orders from the immigration bureau at Washington the guard of immigrant inspectors was withdrawn today from the German ships Rhein, Neckar and Bulgaria here. The sailors from the ships applied today for admission as aliens. It is reported that the revenue guards will be withdrawn tomorrow, leaving the police at the piers.

**FORMER PROFESSIONAL BALL PLAYER DIES IN THEATRE**

Boston, Feb. 7.—Timothy H. Murnane, former president of the New England and the Eastern Baseball leagues, vice-president of the National Board of Professional Baseball Clubs and baseball editor of the Boston Globe for thirty years, dropped dead in a theatre tonight. He was 65 years of age. Murnane was a professional player for fifteen years.


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# TRIAL OF WHITAKER HAS BEEN CONTINUED

### The Case Will be Heard at May Term of Sampson Court

**State Refuses to Accept Plea of Second Degree Murder—Defense Secures Postponement Because Witnesses Not Subpoenaed**

(Staff Correspondence).

Clinton, N. C., Feb. 7.—The trial of Raymond Whitaker, the young white man who is charged with the fatal shooting of John D. Taliaferro, of Wilmington, at the latter's rosin camp near Ivanhoe on October 20, had been continued until the May term of the Sampson county Superior court.

The decision was reached after a conference last night between Solicitor H. E. Shaw and M. H. Hutchins, Esq., of Talapoosa, Ga., who is associated with Solicitor Shaw in the prosecution, and Henry Grady and A. B. Crumpler, Esqs., of the local bar, who are attorneys for the defense.

At Tuesday's session of court, Whitaker was arraigned and pleaded not guilty to murder in the first degree, but through his counsel offered to plead guilty to second degree murder. Solicitor Shaw was inclined to accept this plea on account of the defendant's youth, and the unfavorable environment in which the solicitor was led to believe that he had been reared.

Mr. Hutchins, however, was unwilling to accept the plea after learning that the maximum penalty under the North Carolina statutes in this case would be only 30 years imprisonment. Counsel for the defense then secured a postponement until the May term of court, on the grounds that three of their witnesses, who are supposed to be in Darlington, S. C., had not been subpoenaed, as the prisoner claims that he requested.

Taliaferro was shot while lying in his bed, it is alleged, at a rosin camp near Ivanhoe last October. He was removed to the James Walker Memorial hospital in Wilmington, where he lingered for ten days before succumbing to a complication of contributary diseases brought on from the effects of gunshot wounds.

In an ante-mortem statement made to Justice George Harriss and Conty Solicitor George L. Peschau, Taliaferro charged Whitaker with inflicting the wounds that caused his death.

Whitaker when arrested in Wilmington a few hours after the shooting, admitted that he had shot Taliaferro, but claimed that the latter had been talking about him. After being arrested Whitaker was confined in the New Hanover county jail in Wilmington, until after Taliaferro's death, when he was removed to Clinton.

When arraigned Tuesday afternoon he was without counsel, and Messrs. Crumpler and Grady were appointed to defend him by Judge C. C. Lyon, who is presiding at this term of court.

W. L. SMITH.

## TWO-QUARTS-A-YEAR BILL OPPOSED BY HOUSE COMMITTEE

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two years ago that Gaston contends was fraudulent.

**Judicial District Bill**

The Senate passed the Warren bill dividing the State into two judicial circuits with 24 judges and 20 judicial districts and rotation that will leave two judges always available for holding emergency terms under the direction of the Governor. The bill was sent to the House, having passed without opposition as a most happy solution of the complicated and congested condition of courts and circuits.

The Senate game commission bill passed second reading with numbers of counties exempted, but was forced over without final reading on objection.

Senator Oates introduced a bill to empower the Governor to appoint a board of visitors to visit and inspect State institutions.

**Crop Lien Bill Progresses**

The committee having under consideration the bill to amend the crop lien system of the State for the relief of the tenant class, as agreed upon by the State Farmers Union and Governor Bickett, gave a lengthy hearing this afternoon and practically agreed on the main features of the measure, but referred the bill to a sub-committee to adjust the feature designed to prescribe the cash price and the percent of additional profit a dealer is to be permitted to add for furnishing time supplies. Indications are that the bill in satisfactory adjustment will be reported favorably within a day or two.

**To Probe State Farm.**

When the Senate was convened at 11 o'clock, Senators Griffin and Burgwin were named as members of the joint committee to investigate the charges against the management of the State farm.

Numbers of petitions were presented for establishing a home for [illegible] men and girls and for the pending Anti-Saloon League legislation.

**New Bills in Senate**

New bills introduced:

Pollock—Authorize Craven, Green and Jones counties to pay the expenses of Confederate veterans to reunions.

Scales—Amend the 1915 law relative to the equipment and operation of traveling libraries.

Justice—Define description of real estate at public sales.

**State Game Commission.**

When the special order, the State game commission bill, was laid before the Senate, Senators Gough, Little of Anson, Cranmer and others offered amendments exempting their counties; also Senator Jones, of Buncombe, exempted his county. Then came a motion by Gough that the bill be tabled. This failed and the bill passed second reading. There was objection to the final reading and the bill was forced over to another day for the final light.

**Two Judicial Circuits**

The bill of Warren, of Beaufort, to increase number of judicial districts and provide emergency judges, special order, was explained by Senator Warren.

Senator Holderness read to the Senate a letter from a prominent constituent opposing the bill, but himself favored it.

Senators Jones and Persons supported the measure, Senator Person saying that he had some cases so old that he had forgotten his clients.

Senator Scales offered an amendment to reduce the number of judges provided to 22. This brought protest from Senator Gray, who told the senators that his county of Forsythe has 768 cases on the docket. At his request Senator Scales withdrew his amendment with the observation that these congestions are most often due to the delay and procrastination of judges. The bill passed with only about three senators sending up a feeble "No." It was sent to the House.

Senator Oates offered a bill to authorize the Governor to appoint a board of visitors to visit State institutions.

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock Thursday

**Ladies Keenly Interested.**

When the Senate bill to amend the Revisal relative to the age of moral responsibility, changing the age from 10 to 14 years and that as to seduction from 14 to 18, came up, Ray, of Macon, and Grier, of Iredell, spoke in opposition to the bill as dangerous and unnecessary. There were speeches in support of it by Dalton, McRary, Collins, Grant, of New Hanover, and others. Through the long and spirited argument numbers of ladies remained in the galleries with keen atenion.

Danger of young boys being branded as criminals through false swearing of confirmed offenders among women under 18 was one of the chief objections to the bill.

**Grant at the Bat**

Advocates told opponents that there was lacking moral courage in failure to support it, and Grant, of New Hanover, assailed the "chivalry of the State that glories in its womanhood and will not protect her tender girls."

Representative Grier believed that Grant's deep resonant voice with its rhythm and music had run away with him like the undertow and heavy swells of tides that cradle his "City by the Sea" and that he had not intended to reflect on opponents of the bill as lacking in moral courage or chivalry, as Ray, of Macon, charged he had.

The vote was taken on a substitute that would reduce the age from 18 to 16 and this was lost 17 to 37. Then the original bill was tabled. It had previously passed the Senate.

The House adjourned at 11 o'clock Thursday.

## TWO MORE SCHOONERS LOST IN HEAVY SEAS OFF FLORIDA

Key West, Fla., Feb. 7.—Loss of two more schooners besides the Charles K. Schull in the recent heavy seas near here, were reported today. The British schooner Cumberland County, a new vessel of 419 tons, stranded on Southwest Reef and is thought to be a total loss. Her captain and crew were brought here on the fishing schooner Elsie. The American schooner Charlotte M. Miller, of 248 tons, is ashore on the quicksands near here. Her cargo of logwood is being brought here by wrecking tugs. Loss of the Schull, out of Gulfport for Rotterdam with phosphate, was reported Monday when her cantain and crew were brought in here.

**Free Once More.**

When granted a divorce in Superior Court yesterday, Mr. J. F. Rouse expressed how glad he was to be free once more and tried to show his deep appreciation to each one of his witnesses for what they had done for him.


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# WILMINGTON BOYS GET WEEK'S PONTOON DRILL

### Company A Finishes Course on the Rifle Range

**Nothing Left But to Await Orders to Move?—Boys Anxious About What to do Upon Return Home, But Want to Come.**

(Special Star Correspondence).

Headquarters, Co. A, N. C. Engineers, Fort Bliss, Texas, Feb. 1.—To the music of much cursing of the mules, Company A started another week the other day by taking their tents from their frames and leaving for the river for a week's pontoon drill.

Thirty-three wagons composed the train with a formidable number of horsemen. As it wended its way slowly through El Paso for the road that leads into New Mexico, it was subject to many curious glances and much comment. Soldiers are numerous in this country but boats are curiosities. The drill is to be conducted about a mile from the border line on the river after it has turned its course up into the United States, so there will hardly be any sniping for landing on Mexican soil.

Some weeks ago a detail from this company was sent for work at a patrol station near Company A's present pontoon operations and their way led them across a bridge over the Rio Grande just at their camp site. If they have any idea of swinging a bridge as Napoleon did at Wagram, somebody had better begin pumping water in the river.

Next week the company finishes its course on the rifle range. In this company there must have been lots of boys who spent many hours sitting on a log down in the swamp and knocking squirrels off of a limb, because out of the 70 shooting, a score or more on the gallery range made as high as 49 out of 50. The company is hoping to boast of many sharpshooters.

After the range work then the course mapped out is finished and there will be nothing left but to await orders to move and transportation to move us. There is a puzzling proposition that confronts us concerning our return. We are a homeless child of the state. Will it be thoughtful enough to provide us back home a roof to keep our pretty things looking new for it rains in that country all the time and roofs are necessities. Or will the city be kind enough to allow some of the Third street plazas to be made into temporary military camps until the good Samaritan comes along. Perhaps Uncle Sam himself will pity his youngest nephew and loan the square behind the postoffice for us to park our stuff in. A couple of dozen pyramidals scattered around the fountain with half a dozen wagons would cut the shines off any gypsy camp. However, there is considerable confidence in the hope that something will turn up and the greatest work is to get there. The company has held its own in all branches of the work assigned to it and is very anxious to come back and "show off" before home folks.

## BARRIER IN WAY OF FEEDING BELGIANS

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threat of destruction, without excepting the ships of the relief committee, she will oblige neutrals and Belgium to conclude that she is not sincere when she affirms that she does not wish to hinder the feeding of Belgium. In reality, the only way in which the German government may prove its sincerity, and not interfere with this provisioning, is to guarantee complete immunity, and without reserve, the relief committee's ships. It must not be overlooked that she has not done so in her notification to the ministers at Brussels protecting the relief committee and that she has not offered to give such a guarantee eventually.

"The first any only question is what will be the German government's practice at sea toward relief committee ships independent of any decisions to be asked eventually of the British government. Yes or no—will immunity be assured them, that they can carry out their humanitarian mission under conditions inherent to navigation? Yes or no—are they to be protected from all attempts at destruction when they have brought from England a fifth of the supplies of food which the relief committee buys in that country? Yes or no—will ships en route, and which it has been impossible to warn, be attacked and sunk, if, conformably to the navigation orders, they penetrate into the new prohibited zone?

"It is known that Mr. Hoover has given orders to vessels finding themselves in American, Argentine, Indian and European ports, to remain there provisionally. The question is urgent; it is complicated by the vital questions of cost. The cost of food put on sale in Belgian by the relief committee is necessarily affected by variable conditions of freight, and particularly by the return freights that these ships may find. If these ships have no immunity in navigation it will result in seriously increasing the cost of the food of the relief committee, which will painfully aggravate the condition of life, already almost intolerable, in occupied Belgium.

"It appears, then, that all affirmation of good will given by German authorities at Brussels is vain, because it lacks the essential element which alone would entitle it to faith, that is to say, complete immunity assured to the ships of the relief committee. That immunity depends only upon the German government.

"The opinion of neutral countries will certainly be in accord with Belgian opinion, to demand it from Germany as a pledge of sincerity and as a right that is vital to the Belgian population. As to the British government, whose favorable disposition is well known, Belgians are assured of finding from that side all support desirable to solve the practical difficulties resulting from the evolution of the war."

Vienna, via London, Feb. 7.—Mrs. Frederick Penfield, wife of the American ambassador, today closed the work shop where for thirty months, at her own expense, were produced millions of bandages and wound dressings, an effort to which the late Emperor Francis Joseph gave his recognition by conferring on Mrs. Penfield a high order.


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## APPROPRIATION TO RELIEVE AMERICANS IN EUROPE ASKED

**Secretary Lansing Makes Request of Congress For $500,000.**

Washington, Feb. 7.—An emergency appropriation of $500,000 for relief, protection and transportation of American citizens in Europe was asked of Congress today by Secretary Lansing.

The secretary did not mention specificially the break with Germany merely calling attention to the continued extraordinary expenses of the State Department on account of the and suggesting that the necessary money be provided immediately "in view of the important developments in the international relations of the United States within the past few days."

When he European war began Congress appropriated $2,750,000 for the relief of the thousands of Americans stranded abroad. Relief was discontinued more than a year ago except in the most meritorious cases.

Secretary Lansing also asked for the appropriation of $450,000 for the purchase of embassy property at Petrograd.

## NEW NAVAL BASE ON SAN FRANCISCO BAY PROPOSED

Washington, Feb. 7.—Establishment of a new naval base on San Francisco Bay and the development of the Puget Sound navy yard base was recommended today by the board of navy officers which made a special stud of the situation. Their report urges immediate appropriations of $1,500,000 for the acquisition of a site on San Francisco Bay; $2,250,000 for further development of Mare Island yard for building purposes; and $2,500,000 for the development of Puget Sound.


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**That's What Cumberland Commissioners Want for Sheriff's Office**

(Special Star Correspondence)

Fayetteville, N. C., Feb 7.—The county commissioners of Cumberland county will ask the Legislature to put the sheriff of this county back on a fee basis, according to a resolution passed by the board at its sitting yesterday afternoon. This action was taken, said Register of Deeds R. P. Bolton, clerk to the board, because the present salary system is costing the county too much and is unsatisfactory all around. It is thought that this move by the board of commissioners may be the beginning of an effort to do away with the salary system altogether in the county offices.

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**TOP O' THE MORNING.**

**It is possible to do the will of Christ as natural as we breathe. That is a tremendous ideal, but I am set to reach ideals. There is more than enough of low compromise round us. It is well to lift our eyes to the hills. —JOWETT.**

Wilmington weather is with us again. Welcome.

Wilmington is getting on some stride. Are you in it? If not, why not?

The road to success is not the kind on which your muleomobile or your Tin Lizzie may stall.

President Wilson must have meant that we are "too proud to fight" just for the sake of sniping the enemy.

You only imagine that the weather has been cold in Wilmington. Ask Richmond, Asheville and Atlanta.

Yes, Dixie will stay right by the Red, White and Blue, For the South's in the saddle—but how about you?

People who invent war canards ought to come to The Star office and answer the 'phone if they want to fully enjoy the joke.

Men have two objects in view when they go a rabbit hunting. Some need the recreation and enjoy the sport, while others need the rabbit.

The cost of raising babies in England has greatly increased, but all the world knows that the cost is nothing compared with the worth of the kiddies.

"Crime to enter war," says W. J. Bryan. He must have heard of the prediction that war at this time means that it will make Roosevelt president in 1920.

A woman was declared insane in Virginia because she went around and hung Virginia hams on the door knobs of her neighbors. Why, what objection did the people have to the hams?

Some men in Wilmington are likely to be judged by what they don't do to help along the progressive movements initiated by those concerned in the practical measure for the upbuilding of Wilmington.

A contemporary carries an account of a divorce case and the picture of the woman in the case reveals the fact that she has a dog in each arm. Well, that must have been the indisputable evidence in the case.

Several new paper mills have been started in the United States and Canada, but nobody has any ground upon which to jump at the conclusion that one of them is in North Carolina. We talk too much without stopping to act.

Not so long ago the egg king was on the job, but now there are allegations to the effect that Washington hotels and boarding houses recognize their opportunity about like the egg king recognized his. 'Smatter with all of us? What is one fellow's pie is some other fellow's "pizen".

It is reported that a Virginian died from the effect of a drink taken from a bottle "which supposedly contained whiskey." Of course, prohibition will kill many Virginians unless they give up their habit of supposing vain things about the contents of familiar looking bottles. Be careful about such things as bottles.

Some of our Georgia exchanges accuse the Macon Telegraph of having "assumed the right to dictate to Governor-elect Hugh Dorsey." We presume that such is not the case. We assume that the Telegraph was exercising a high prerogative and was enjoying the freedom of the press. When, in the exercise of a lofty privilege, a newspaper makes demands upon an official, it cannot be interpreted into a dictation, unless the official throws up both hands and accedes to all demands in a manner showing that he has been intimidated.

## WANTED—MEN TO DEFEND AMERICA.

What America needs is men—now and ever hereafter. For that reason we do not see how there can be any serious objection to military training in the public schools, much less to compulsory military training and service for all able-bodied Americans. Since American sovereignty is vitalized in the men of America themselves, each is responsible for his country's defense and every one's responsibility is the same. No one should be any more of a shirker or a slacker than any one else.

There is considerable opposition to military training in our public schools, but there should not be any. It is coming, and the possibility is that the idea may be approved at the convention of the National Association of City School Superintendents to be held at St. Louis this month. At any rate, it will be seriously discussed and we may soon know what the primary educators think of the subject. The sentiment for it is very strong.

We think there is great force in the argument that military training never hurts a boy but proves greatly to his advantage in many ways. It develops him physically. It teaches him how to stand, how to hold himself and how to walk like a man. It teaches him obedience and self reliance, and enables him to understand discipline and the necessity for it. Such training makes ready men of the boys and when each boy grows to manhood he will appreciate the advantage that he had in that particular. There also are opportunities in it for the brighter boys.

Owing to the fact that we are bound to have compulsory military training and service in this country, the boys cannot get their training any too soon. This country considers itself great, but it is not any greater than its army and navy. China is a country of immense population, yet as a nation she is not any stronger than her impotent army and navy. Nations cannot be great in their minds, though we fear that is pretty much the case with our Nation at this time.

However, the American giant is waking up. It finds out that dependence upon a volunteer army is nonsense, and no less a personage than former President Taft declared in a speech in New York a few days ago that this country must resort to conscription to build up an army for the country's defense. Every thoughtful man must recognize the wisdom of that, since this country's recent experience proves the inadequacy of a volunteer force. In the present war crisis Great Britain finally had to resort to conscription, and so will America some day when she needs an army the worst.

Congress a year or more since authorized a standing army of 225,000 men made up of volunteer enlistments, but during the whole Mexican crisis when the Nation had to be protected and defended, the regular enlistments failed to materialize. The National Guard was called out, but it proved inadequate in preparedness and unsatisfactory as a side line to the army. The National Guardsmen were all right themselves, but a double military standard was impossible of maintenance.

Although the Guard was nationalized, neither the officers, nor the men, nor their states, nor the governors of their states, nor the people of their states, nor the parents of the Guardsmen, nor the newspapers of the home states could separate themselves from the idea that the Guardsmen were state troops. Governors, congressmen and about everybody else dipped in and there was no end of complaint and all sorts of friction between the National Guard and the head of the regular military establishment, the War Department and Congress itself. An army of two different and differing standards of service is impossible and such a great country as this cannot take chances on it in the future.

What this country needs is men for the defense of America. It can not depend upon untrained citizens, however, patriotic and brave they may be.

## THE SOUTHEASTERN LAND SHOW

Atlanta's land show met with the misfortune of having to be held during the severest weather of the season, although it still has another week to run. It began February 1 and will continue to the 15th. The weather is more propitious for the second week. Despite the weather, however, the land show has been a great event for the Southeastern states, and we are sure that immense benefit will come to North Carolina and several other states because of the publicity given to the numerous public addresses.

The land show is one in which it is shown what the land can do and the purpose is to show the land owner what to do in order to make his land do what it ought to do. There are many practical features of the land show, and it is by means of the practical discussions and the expert knowledge disseminated that the South's agriculture will be promoted.

Tuesday in Atlanta was set apart as soil improvement day, and since the subjects discussed involved scientific fertilization, one thousand representatives of fertilizer factories were in attendance. The general topic was "How to make two blades of grass grow where one grew before". Well equipped speakers emphasized value and importance of soil enrichment and intensified farming as a means of profitable farming, and the science of fertilization was treated more elaborately by detail and specification than ever before was the case in the South.

Those interested in bringing foreign farmers to the South have been puzzled to know how it is that a farmer who can make a living on a few acres in the old country makes a failure on many acres in this country. Among the potent reasons are those of scientific fertilization, ample fertilization, methods of agriculture, products of the kind for which there is steady demand and a marketing system that is much more thorough and economical than our own. Then again, owing to density of population in Europe and sparseness of population in the South there is a difference of near-by markets in favor of European farmers.

Since there are problems here that are different from those in Europe, the whole subject requires exhaustive study as to the needs of successful farming on small acreage in this country. Such things as salable products, fertilization and cultural methods are peculiar to farming everywhere, so these things were stressed at the land show. The speakers emphasized the need of food crops in the South, for it was difficult to say much to farmers who have knowledge of growing one or two crops only. Since the South ought to produce all it eats, attention was called to the fact that residents in Southeastern cities are today eating potatoes grown in Maine, where four times as much soil fertilization per acre as is required as in the Southeast. German and Holland farmers use seven times as much fertilizer per acre as our average Southern farmer. Nevertheless, German and Holland farmers have to pay more for acid phosphate and other fertilizers than do Southern farmers, but they make it pay by greater production per acre.

Lands in Europe have undergone a system of soil restoration of years standing, while the South wears out its soils with one crop and follows no system of soil restoration on the average. When restoration is undertaken, however, results are looked for right away, whereas it requires about three years to restore fertility to soil and close attention ever afterwards to keep the soil up to its producing maximum.

Under the one crop system, without rotation, or cover crops, a low state of production per acre is finally reached on worn out lands in the South and they are finally turned out as worthless, whereas they only need a system of soil restoration and scientific fertilization. By growing cotton or tobacco year after year on the same land, the soil steadily leaches and production goes to the bad.

Now, however, the South is interested in soil restoration, scientific fertilization and the plant food subject. The farmers are learning every detail about fertilizers, deficiencies of soil, how to determine what fertilizer is needed, where and how to procure it and how to apply it to the greatest practical advantage.

There is no excuse for running one crop farming into the ground and buying foodstuffs of all kinds, much less buying potatoes from Maine, except for seed. Maine abundantly fertilizes restored soil and produces more potatoes per acre than is done in the South, and yet the South can grow two crops in one season and can grow just as large crops both spring and fall as Maine does of one crop, provided we pay the same attention to soils and fertilizers as the Maine farmers do.

As soon as the South gets rid of its soil impoverishment system and makes two blades of grass grow where one grew before, land values will rapidly increase in the South. Demand for Southern land also will increase.

## FINE CUSTOMS RECORD

Both the port of Wilmington and Col. Walker Taylor, the collector, are to be congratulated upon the splendid record made by this district as shown in the special Washington dispatch to the Star yesterday morning. Col. Taylor, as collector, made the best showing in the amount of money collected of any collector in the district for the six months just ended, the amount being $679,275.

This in itself was not only a record but the dispatch adds: "Col. Taylor also made a record as to the cost of collecting this money, making the very low rate of .0036 per dollar." Whatever may be said of "red tape" and the high cost of government as well as of living, it certainly looks like Wilmington's collector did business for the six months upon a most economical basis and we are glad that credit has been given where credit is due.

## AN IMPORTANT NEW LAW

People who travel the public highways of North Carolina to any considerable extent and perhaps a great many who do not will commend the Legislature for its action in enacting a law to require the county authorities to place and maintain guide posts at all points where public roads cross or intersect, with arms pointing the direction of each road, marked with the name of the town or city to which it leads and the distance. The bill has passed both houses and only awaits ratification.

This law, if properly enforced, will prove of great benefit to many travelers, especially those of the long-distance class who travel through sections of the State with which they are not familiar. The guide posts will save much loss of time and inconvenience that often is entailed by travellers taking the wrong road and proceeding for considerable distance before learning of the mistake, then perhaps having to double back to the "forks" of the road to get on the right track. Also the necessity for frequent stops and inquiries of residents as to the right way to the desired destination will be obviated. The guide posts also will save residents along the routes the time and trouble of answering inquiries of travelers as to the routes to various places.

Many counties are already maintaining such guide posts and there is no good reason why all should not do so.

## "UP TO THE LEGISLATURE"

To the Editor of the Star:

I am a northern man having property in North Carolina and naturally I am interested in what the Legislature does. I see that Speaker Murphy has introduced a bill in the House prohibiting State officers and county officers from serving more than two terms. This seems foolish to me. I have asked a good lawyer who recently investigated the question whether a single state in the Union had such a provision, and he tells me that there is no such provision in any state constitution as to any officer other than the governor. This lawyer tells me that the Democrats of this State practically settled that matter at the last State primary; that at that primary every old State officer was attacked on the ground of his long service and every one of them won out by a tremendous majority.

I would like for your paper to cite any other state that has such a law prohibiting the people from re-electing a faithful and excellent official when they want to.

J. P. BYRNE.

Greensboro, N. C., Feb. 5.

## CURRENT COMMENT.

A packing house in Wilmington is assured! The farmers of Brunswick should now turn their attention to stock raising in earnest!—Shallotte Eagle.

Here's a mighty good, sensible editorial from the Wilmington Star condensed in one little paragraph: "Many a man profits by the progress of his town, but if he does not take a hand in progress his town does not get any profit out of him. When he gets rich, however, he poses as one of the leading citizens of his town." And, strange to say, neighbor, the kind you have so aptly described are among the worst kickers when community work pushed by others doesn't pan out well.—Fayetteville Observer.

The arising of various and sundry Republicans in the General Assembly to voice their desire for legislation on behalf of "the people" for legislation with regard to the popular election of county school boards and county superintendents strikes those who know a thing or two as the height of audacity. The Republicans talk of "the people" is all for effect. The party is a bossed party and its bosses are "hand-picked." All that "the people" mean to them is that they furnish the votes to put the bosses in power. The record of Republicanism is that of getting away from "the people," the present disruption of that party is one proof of the fact. It is the party of the interests, and its talk in behalf of "the people" is flapdoodle of the worst kind.—Raleigh News and Observer.

## ALL ROADS OUT OF NEW BERN TO BE PAVED WITH BRICK?

New Bern, N. C., Feb. 7.—If plans now on foot work out as scheduled, every one of the principal thoroughfares leading out of New Bern will be paved with brick, the road to be sixteen feet wide, instead of nine feet, the width of the nine miles now under course of construction, and the work will cost three hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Recent inclement weather has shown the citizens of Craven county that the only sort of road that is worth a cent as far as service is concerned is the mammoth Tarvia and bitulithic and brick paved thoroughfare and the thousands of dollars which have been spent in the construction of other roads might just as well have been thrown away.

### Southport Plumbers Reap Harvest

Southport, N. C., Feb. 7.—The cold wave, after giving a few hours of mild weather, returned early Monday. The gale which prevailed for nearly three days blew its fiercest Sunday night, fairly rocking hoses, but did no damage. The return of the cold wave followed this intense gale, and there has been a harvest time for plumbers, for even with "cut-offs," the cold made the full draining of pipes impossible, and in a place where 32 degrees is held as a cold day, when it goes below this mark for several days, the unprotected water pipes cannot escape a freeze-up and the resulting "bust-up."


# MEAT CAUSE OF KIDNEY TROUBLE

**Take a glass of Salts if your Back hurts or Bladder bothers—Meat forms uric acid.**

If you must have your meat every day, eat it, but flush your kidneys with salts occasionally, says a noted authority who tells us that meat forms uric acid which almost paralyzes the kidneys in their efforts to expel it from the blood. They become sluggish and weaken, then you suffer with a dull misery in the kidney region, sharp pains in the back or sick headache, dizziness, your stomach sours, tongue is coated and when the weather is bad you have rheumatic twinges. The urine gets cloudy, full of sediment, the channels often get sore and irritated, obliging you to seek relief two or three times during the night.

To neutralize these irritating acids, to cleanse the kidneys and flush off the body's urinous waste get four ounces of Jad Salts from any pharmacy here; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to flush and stimulate sluggish kidneys, also to neutralize the acids in urine, so it no longer irritates, thus ending bladder weakness.

Jad Salts is inexpensive; cannot injure, and makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink.


## FOR TICK ERADICATION

**Campaign May Be Launched at Next Meeting of Commissioners**

(Special Star Correspondence)

Southport, N. C., Feb. 7.—The county commissioners gave a hearing to Mr. E. E. Daly, government tick expert, who has been all over Brunswick county, looking into the proposition of the eradication of the cattle-tick pest for the farmers. He had explained to the farmers as he went from section to section the value of this tick extermination, through "baths". He reported that the general sentiment was favorable for a trial of the baths.

The commissioners gave a careful hearing, and each in turn reported on the situation, as found by them. The final summing up was that the matter go over until the next meeting, when the commissioners thought a solution could be arrived at. Several conditions were mentioned as making it advisable to continue the decision for another meeting of the board.

Owing to the severe weather, it has been slow work at the Dosher-St. George shrimp factory, this week, but the work has been kept going.

## CHARGED WITH SHOP LIFTING

**Goldsboro Youths Plead Guilty and Are Let Off Light.**

(Special Star Correspondence).

Goldsboro, N. C., Feb. 7.—Phelix Glisson and Theodore Strickland, two young white boys of this city, were arrested last Saturday by Officer Bailey, of the local police force, charged with shoplifting in this city, several articles alleged to be stolen being found on their person at the time of their arrest, were given a hearing in the county court yesterday. The youthful criminals pleaded guilty to the charge and begged the mercy of the court. After considering the case Judge Bland decided to let the boys off on the promise of their good behavior in the future, Daniel Glisson, Sr., father of Phelix Glisson, promised the court to have his son and also young Strickland report each week to the court showing that the promise of good behavior had been carried out.

## MINCHER GETS THIRD REPRIEVE

**Lenoir Man's Application for Pardon Is Still Pending.**

(Special Star Telegram).

Kinston, N. C., Feb. 7.—E. W. Mincher, scheduled to start a year's sentence today for whipping a prisoner while in Lenoir county's employ as boss of convicts, was reprieved for the third time by the Governor this morning. An application for Mincher's pardon is pending. The present stay is for 20 days.

### To Build New Shops

New Bern, N. C., Feb. 7.—The Norfolk Southern Railway Company is going right ahead with their preparations for the erection of a mammoth machine shops at Carolina Junction and the contract for its construction will be completed by March 1st.

# Would *your* skin stand this test?

The bright lights of an evening gathering show up mercilessly the defects of a poor complexion. But the regular use of

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makes it as easy to have a *naturally* beautiful skin as to cover up a poor one with cosmetics. It lessens the tendency to pimples, redness and roughness, and in a very short time the complexion usually becomes clear, fresh and velvety.

In severe or stubborn cases, Resinol Soap should at first be aided by a little Resinol Ointment. All druggists sell them.

*Men with tender faces find that Resinol Shavin...*

# DRINK HOT WATER IF YOU DESIRE A ROSY COMPLEXION

**Says we can't help but look better and feel better after an inside bath.**

To look one's best and feel one's best is to enjoy an inside bath each morning to flush from the system the previous day's waste, sour fermentations and poisonous toxins before it is absorbed into the blood. Just as coal, when it burns, leaves behind a certain amount of incombustible material in the form of ashes, so the food and drink taken each day leave in the alimentary organs a certain amount of indigestible material, which if not eliminated, form toxins and poisons which are then sucked into the blood through the very ducts which are intended to suck in only nourishment to sustain the body.

If you want to see the glow of healthy bloom in your cheeks, to see your skin get clearer and clearer, you are told to drink every morning upon arising, a glass of hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it, which is a harmless means of washing the waste material and toxins from the stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels, thus cleansing, sweetening and purifying the entire alimentary tract, before putting more food into the stomach.

Men and women with sallow skins, liver spots, pimples or pallid complexion, also those who wake up with a coated tongue, bad taste, nasty breath, others who are bothered with headaches, bilious spells, acid stomach or constipation, should begin this phosphated hot water drinking and are assured of very pronounced results in one or two weeks.

A quarter pound of limestone phosphate costs very little at the drug store but is sufficient to demonstrate that just as soap and hot water cleanses, purifies and freshens the skin on the outside, so hot water and limestone phosphate act on the inside organs. We must always consider that internal sanitation is vastly more important than outside cleanliness, because the skin pores do not absorb impurities into the blood while the bowel pores do.

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# COUNCIL AUTHORIZES CALLING OF ELECTION

## Rotarians Win First Round of Fight for Free Sites

**No Objection Made at Regular Weekly Meeting When Councilman Bunting Submitted Favorable Report for Committee.**

No one was present at the regular weekly meeting of Council yesterday to object to the calling of an election to decide whether or not the city shall join in the underwriting plan for establishing free manufacturing sites. A large delegation of Rotarians and other business men were on hand to push the proposition, but it was unnecessary for them to say anything.

Councilman Bunting submitted a favorable report on the proposition from the committee composed of himself and Councilman Merritt and Bradshaw, who made a careful investigation both as to the feasibility and the legality of the proposed undertaking. Councilmen Hall and Jones were absent, but the remaining members of Council voted unanimously to call an election to be held at the same time as the municipal primary and to order a new registration. Separate boxes will be provided for this election.

Councilman Bunting made the motion which was put by Mayor Moore without any discussion on the part of the councilmen. Councilman McCaig suggested that the city clerk draw up the appropriate resolution to be passed in due form. The entire transaction took less than five minutes and those who had come to urge immediate action went out fully satisfied that all was well.

The movement for an election was initiated by the Rotary Club a short time ago and was later endorsed by the Chamber of Commerce at a special meeting. Council was asked a week ago to call a special election and at that time appointed a committee to investigate. Supporters of the proposition favored the holding of an election at some time other than at the municipal election but finally yielded this point as Council did not want to put the city to any additional expense, if it could be avoided.

Protest against a flat rate of $2.50 a quarter for water service to people living in small houses was made by Mr. F. A. Lord, who with Messrs. Thos. H. Wright and D. R. Foster appeared as a committee from the real estate men of the city to point out what they consider to be an injustice to users of water on a small scale.

Mr. Lord explained that a man living in a house containing only three or four rooms is charged the same for a water faucet as a man who has a large residence of perhaps a dozen rooms. He thought that this is manifestly unfair and suggested that a charge of 50 cents a month in such cases would be amply sufficient. He did not ask that any action be taken until after Council had thoroughly considered the matter.

Councilman McCaig thought that investigation would show that many of the smaller houses use more water than one would think because of cheaper kind of plumbing and also because in many cases washerwomen use great quantities of water in their work. He cited one case where a property owner had had five houses on a flat rate, which he thought too large, and had insisted on having a meter put in and had then found that he ad to pay more than before because the tenants were washerwomen who had to us much water in their work.

It was generally agreed that people of all classes waste a great deal of water, especially during the cold spells when they leave the faucets open in order to keep thm from freezing up. The request of the real estate men was referred to the Water Committee of Council.

Mr. John J. Blair, chairman of th free and Park Commission, informed Council of the planting of 16 trees at the Robert Strange playground at a cost of $24. He also spoke of the great need of caring for the trees at the Cornelius Harnett school. Councilman Bradshaw was instructed to take up this matter.

Capt. Thos. D. Meares, city clerk and treasurer, informed Council that the contract between the city and the Tidewater Power Co., for furnishing street lights for a term of ten years had been formally executed last Monday in accordance with the resolution adopted by Council some weeks ago.

Councilman Hall, who was absent from the first part of the session, came in later. Mayor Moore presided at the meeting.

### PROF. FLOWERS WILL SPEAK AT TRINITY ALUMNAE BANQUET

**Professor of Mathematics Will be Guest of Honor at Meeting Soon.**

Prof. R. L. Flowers, professor of mathematics and secretary to the corporation of Trinity College, at Durham, has accepted an invitation to be present at a banquet to be given by New Hanover alumni of this institution in Wilmington on February 22. The local alumni feel that they are fortunate in securing Professor Flowers for this occasion as practically every Trinity man here is personally acquainted with him.

The organization of the New Hanover Alumni Association of the college will be perfected at this banquet by the election of officers. There are two score or more Trinity men in Wilmington and vicinity and it is planned to have on that occasion a general reunion. Trinity men from other counties adjoining New Hanover will be invited to be present on this occasion and renew old acquaintances.

A preliminary organization was effected at a recent meeting of the alumni here and committees appointed to arrange for the banquet. Rev. W. V. McRae was elected temporary chairman and Mr. B. H. Houston, Jr., was selected for temporary secretary.

### FUNERAL OF MR. REDD

**Services at Residence and Interment at Bellevue Yesterday**

Funeral services over the remains of Mr. John C. Redd, who passed away at his home, No. 1406 Castle street, early Tuesday morning, were conducted from the residence at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, by Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. Interment was made at Bellevue Cemetery. The following acted as pallbearers: F. F. Zellers, J. F. Swann, C. B. Swann, R. C. Fergus, O. R. King, B. M. Hill.

# TAKE INSPECTORS FROM SHIPS

**German Steamers and Their Crews Will Not be Further Molested by Uncle Sam's Officers.**

Government inspectors of the customs service were removed yesterday from the two German merchantmen in the Wilmington harbor following the receipt of orders to this effect by Col. Walker Taylor, collector of customs, from Washington, D. C., and unless there are further developments the crews of the vessels will no longer be kept under surveillance. The placing of inspectors on the ships had occasioned no trouble of any kind and Colonel Taylor has had the heartiest co-operation of the commanders of both the Nicaria and the Kiel.

Trips across the Cape Fear of boats manned by bluejackets from the Coast Guard cutter Seminole started rumors to the effect that the Seminole crew would guard the ships. It developed however, that the boats were being used simply to transport customs officers across the river. The Seminole still remains in the harbor and probably will continue to do so unless there should be shipping in distress along the coast.

Instructions from Washington to local authorities yesterday seemed to indicate evidence of less stringent measures for German interned shipping. Certainly there is no evidence of any contemplated drastic steps by the government authorities.

News dispatches yesterday indicating that the German blockade was proving effectual in the sinking of many ships around England served to bring home forcibly to citizens here that the situation is not less grave than it has been for the past few days, but everyone expressed hope that relations between the two countries may not become more strained.

The seriousness of the situation has served to make people think soberly and to consider carefully both word and act. There is no disposition to minimize the possibility of an open break but if the temper of the American people can be gauged by local feeling, this country certainly can be depended upon not to plunge recklessly into any open breach.

The utmost good feeling exists in Wilmington and nobody is disposed to be harsh in criticism in this probably the most grave period of American history. Bitterness is not countenanced because it is realized that it can do no good.

### GERMANIA CLUB TENDERS HALL TO THE RED CROSS SOCIETY

**Are Also Willing to Co-Operate With The Red Cross**

Mr. J. W. H. Fuchs, secretary -treasured of the Germania club, has notified Mrs. Cuthbert Martin, president of the local chapter of the Red Cross Society, that at its regular meeting Monday night, the governing boar had voted unanimously to offer their hall to the Red Cross to be used as they see fit in preparing for emergencies in the event of war between the United States and Germany.

The club also voted to extend an offer of their co-operation with the Red Cross Society in their work. The Red Cross is making every effort to be fully prepared in the event of war, and for this reason is making a strong effort to increase its membership from the present number of 350 to 1,000.

Any person desiring to join is invited to send his or her name together with $1 membership fee, to Mrs. S. Mendelsohn, secretary of the society, No. 511 Orange street.

### IN SUPERIOR COURT

**Several Cases Were Disposed of at Yesterday's Session.**

Several cases were disposed of at yesterday's session of Superior Court by continuance or otherwise. Judge W. M. Bond, who is presiding over the present term of court signed the judgment in the Buell-Crocker Lumber Company's receivership case, and the points of law upon which the counsel interested have taken appeal, will now go to the Supreme Court for final adjudication.

The jury in the case of McCaskey Register Company against W. J. Bradshaw awarded the plaintiff a verdict for the balance on the purchase price of a cash register amounting originally to $302, but on which certain payments have been made. The plaintiff was represented by John D. Bellamy & Son, while McClammy & Burgwin, appeared for the defendant. The same jury also returned a verdict for divorce in the case of J. F. Rouse against Bettie J. Rouse.

The trial jury in the foregoing cases was composed of Messrs. L. B. Woodbury, R. H. Williams, L. C. Kure, W. T. Hinnant, I. H. Weil, D. E. Futch, R. J. Darden, Jas. F. Craig, W. H. Howe, B. F. Glisson, J. H. Johnston and W. E. Worth.

### REPORT OF MR. HOLTON

**Trash Wagons of City Hauled Nearly Five Hundred Loads of Ashes**

Supt. Jas. E. Holton in his monthly report to the City Council yesterday stated that he now has in the trash department 12 men for handling trash, and three trimmings and six men in the garbage department. He reported that the road to the disposal plant is in a very bad condition and is dangerous to teams at night.

The trash carts in this department have been in use about three years, he states, and axles on same are badly worn and he would like to have new axles as this would make the wheels last much longer and put carts in good condition.

One of the important duties performed was the hauling of 468 loads of ashes while 69 loads of slopswere collected and 977 loads of trash was collected and delivered to incinerator, 203 loads to Greenfield lake and 52 loads to McCumber's ditch.

### ABOUT FREIGHT CHARGES

**New Resident of Wilmington Makes Interesting Discovery About Rates.**

That it costs as much to haul furniture a distance of 18 blocks in Wilmington as it does to transport it by freight for a distance of 150 miles was the illuminating discovery made yesterday by a new resident of Wilmington, who came to this city from Durham. He is not blaming the transfer men particularly but he has been doing considerable calculating since to find out how it is the railroads are able to make a profit by hauling freight such a long distance for the same price that a Wilmington drayman gets for hauling it a distance of a mile. He has a greater respect for the railroads than he had formerly.

# SHAD IS PIKER WHEN IT COMES TO JUMPING

## Salmon Could Negotiate Dam at King's Bluff, Says Expert

**Mr. Emerson Stringham, of Bureau of Fisheries, Here—To Study Fishway Problem—May Increase Supply of Migratory Fish.**

The question as to whether the shad can climb or jump its way up a fishway or ladder in its annual migrations to spawning grounds up coastal rivers, is one which will have to be determined by experiments, according to Mr. Emerson Stringham, the Federal Bureau of Fisheries expert, of Washington, D. C., who arrived here yesterday morning to confer with Maj. A. E. Waldron, in charge of the Wilmington engineering district, on the subject of the plans for the fishway up the dam at King's Bluff.

Major Waldron, Mr. Stringham and Mr. D. J. Fergus, a well known local wholesale fish dealer, made the trip up to King's Bluff yesterday morning on the launch Mercury to get a line on the local situation. Mr. Stringham was furnished with all possible data and evidence as to where shad ascending the Cape Fear have been in the habit of spawning. He expects to go up to Fayetteville this morning to gather evidence as to how abundant the shad have been in past seasons and as to whether they have been in the habit of going higher up the river than Fayetteville for the purpose of spawning. It is known that they have gone as far as Fayetteville.

"The shad is excelled by the salmon as a jumper. No records of their respective leaping records have ever been taken, but it is known that a salmon would have no difficulty in negotiating the four-foot dam at King's Bluff at the present stage of the river. The salmon leaps very much higher falls in the rivers of the Pacific states, and in fact it may be said that it holds the record for all fish which migrate up our rivers. For all practical purposes it may be stated that the shad does not jump at all, and no record of its climbing a fishway has been made as yet."

So said Mr. Stringham in answer to questions with reference to the jumping records of various fish propounded by the reporter, who pointed out that the proposed fishway at King's Bluff will be so arranged that a shad can either swim up the inclined ladder from compartment to compartment or jump from one to that next above. Continuing he said:

"Besides the shad, we have on the Atlantic coast other migratory fish, such as the alewives or herring and the Atlantic salmon. This last-named species of salmon is related to that of the Pacific coast, although they are by no means so numerous. The Pacific salmon dies after spawning. The shad, it is understood, does not, but returns to the ocean.

"Dams built in the early days for mills along our coastal rivers have interfered very seriously with the migrations of fish which seek fresh water to spawn. Just to what extent this is responsible for the decrease in the supply of shad and other important migrants, I don't think any one could say exactly.

**To Watch Experiment.**

"The test of the experimental fishway here will be watched with great interest by the Fisheries Bureau. In the past the bureau has not devoted a great deal of time to the investigation of the operations of the fishways or ladders owing to a lack of the necessary appropriations, but it is now taking up this work aggressively and will push it vigorously.

"Just how important this work may be, can be realized as some people have suggested that these dams are one cause for the decreased supply of our migratory fish. Others hold the view that the dumping of sewage and the pollution of the rivers of the country below great cities is also largely responsible for the destruction of thousands of edible fish. Here in Wilmington the fishermen claim that the German carp which sometimes weigh as much as 40 pounds, are eating the shad eggs. The same charge has been made against the whitefish on the Great Lakes, but a thorough investigation proved the charge unfounded in fact.

**These Fish Climb.**

"In answer to the question as to what fish have been known to utilize fishways, I will say that we have records to prove that the European salmon, sunfish, German carp and eels have been known to climb these ladders over dams. Fish ladders have been used in Europe for a number of years, and fish over there have been successfully locked through canals.

"The shad are failing to maintain themselves and the bureau is devoting much time to a study of the causes of the decrease in the supply. Herring are also on the decrease, and I understand the same thing is true of the sturgeon. The herring are irregular in their migratory habits, they will skip a place one season, visit other places and then return again.

"For some two years I was concerned with investigations of fishery resources of the Mississippi. The shad found there is smaller than that of the Atlantic coast, but it is not "fashionable" to eat it. It is superior in every way to the German carp as a food fish, but fishermen are inclined to pass it up because of the local prejudice against it.

"While the German carp is inferior to the shad, it means millions of dollars to the fishermen of the Mississippi. It is a highly nutritious food fish and I should think it would pay local dealers to introduce it in the markets here."

### NEGRO'S OFFICE ROBBED

**Box Containing Papers Stolen But Later Recovered by Officer**

Plainclothes Officer D. W. Coleman was called to the office of Thomas Smith, colored, at Nutt and Walnut streets, yesterday morning to investigate the robbery of the office on Tuesday night.

The rear door of the building had been forced and the intruder had taken away a tin box containing a numbers of more or less value to their owner, together wtih a quantity of brass dray checks. Officer Coleman later found the bx and papers with the checks missing on the railroad track near Merritt's Wood Yard. There is no clue as to the identity of the thief.

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# GEN. METTS ISSUES ORDER

**Commander of North Carolina Veterans Urges Large Attendance at Annual Reunion in Washington**

General James I. Metts, commander of the North Carolina Division of Confederate Veterans, has issued general orders to the camps throughout the State, urging a large attendance at the annual reunion to be held in Washington, D. C., June 5th, 6th and 7th. Every veteran is asked to wear a Confederate uniform, if possible.

General Metts has named Mrs. Alexander Webb, of Raleigh, a daughter of the late Major General Robert F. Hoke, as matron of honor, and Miss Melba McCullers, of Clayton, as sponsor for the division. Misses Katherine Smith, of Raleigh, and Camelia London, of Pittsboro, have been named as maids of honor.

General Metts' order to the North Carolina camps follows:

"Headquarters North Carolina Division United Confederate Veterans. Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 10-1917.

"General Orders No. 7.

"Paragraph 1. The Twenty-seventh Annual Reunion of the United Confederate Veterans is appointed to be held in Washington, D. C., on the 5th, 6th and 7th of June 1917, and it is hoped that a large delegation will attend from this state. This is the first time that one of our reunions has been held in a city beyond the limits of the Confederate States, and a welcome is promised as warm as any ever extended to our Veterans. It will be a grand and memorable occasion when Confederate Veterans, clad in gray, march down Pennsylvania avenue to the tune of 'Dixie', and it is earnestly desired that every Veteran shall attend the reunion in the Confederate Uniform. The citizens of each county will doubtless contribute enough money to buy uniforms for those unable to supply themselves, which has been done for some camps.

"Par. 2. All camps of this division are earnestly urged to send their dues at once to General W. E. Mickle, 824 Common street, New Orleans, Louisiana No camp that is in arrears for its annual dues is allowed a vote or vois in the meetings at our reunions. Special attention is called to this and it ought to be attended to without further delay. North Carolina falls behind every year in the payment of the small annual dues of ten cents per capita.

"Par. 3. The railroad companies will give the usual low rate of one cent a mile, and all Veterans who cannot pay for their board and lodging will be entertained by the hospitable citizens of Washington free. All Veterans who expect free entertainment must notify the committee at Washington, so that they may be provided for.

"Par. 4. Your Commander is pleased to announce that Mrs. Alexander Webb of Raleigh, a daughter of the late Major-General Robert F. Hoke, has accepted the position of Matron of Honor, and he has appointed Miss Melba McCullers, of Clayton, Sponsor for this division, and Misses Katherine Smith, of Raleigh, and Camelia London, of Pittsboro, the Maids of Honor.

"By Command of,
JAMES I. METTS.
"Major-General Commanding,
"H. A. LONDON,
"Adjutant-General
And Chief of Staff.

### BIG CHARITY BALL TONIGHT AT THE GERMANIA CLUB

**Big Social Event in Wilmington Under Auspices of Hospital Auxiliary.**

The big charity ball to aid the James Walker Memorial hospital in replenishing its supply of linens will take place tonight at the Germania club, 9 to 12 o'clock. The Ladies' Auxiliary, which has charge of the event, is headed by Mrs. J. V. Grainger, the president, assisted by Mrs Andrew Harriss, Mrs. Cuthbert Martin, Mrs. S. Solomon, Mrs. W. D. MacMillan, Jr., Mrs. J. M. Solky, Mrs. W. G. Hull, Mrs. J. L. Solomon, Mrs. T. E. Cooper and Mrs. I. W. Solomon.

Grainger's orchestra will furnish the music for the occasion. Appropriate refreshments will be served.

This is the first public affair ever given by the Hospital Auxiliary and they selected this kind of entertainment, feeling that those who contribute by buying tickets would not only help in a very worthy object but could also avail themselves of a very enjoyable evening.

The Linen Auxiliary is a small band of women of this city, united for the purpose of raising funds to supply the James Walker Memorial hospital with linens. With them it is a labor of love, laboring without any hope of personal advantage or gain but simply to provide clean linens to the many, many sick and suffering persons who find it necessary to go to the hospital for treatment. They work hard to gain this end and every dollar sent them for a ticket, goes directly to their linen fund and attains its object. You'll be welcome to their ball tonight.

### BIG TUG STOPPED IN AT THE BEACH TUESDAY NIGHT

**Water Was Too Shallow For Anchoring And Boat Proceeded to Southport.**

The W. S. Emery, a big tug owned by the Pike Company, of New York, and in command of Captain Lane, stopped in at Wrightsville Beach Tuesday night to secure a pilot in order to continue her journey southward. She was en route from Alexandria, Va., to Cuba, where she will be used in towing work.

The vessel came in opposite the Carolina Yacht Club as the water in the inlet was too shallow for her to enter Banks' channel. After getting in as close as possible she blew for a pilot and Mr. T. O. Morriss, who has charge of the club house, went to her aid. He took the boat through the slew at Bald Head ,arriving at Southport at 2 o'clock yesterday morning.

—W. C. Sanders, Esq., has returned from Atlanta, where he appeared before the Georgia supreme court. He also visited in Macon and Cedartown, Ga.

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### WITH THE RECORDER

**Pompey Pridgen Will March All Right But Not in Triumph**

Pompey the Great, of Rome, marched in triumph through the streets of his native city, with his conquered enemies chained to his chariot. Pompey Pridgen, of Wilmington, will march in stripes on the highways of his native county, with unconquered weights chained to his ankles.

The reason the distinction is made in the march of the Pompeys is because the modern one was caught gambling and carrying a concealed weapon, and Deputy Recorder Claude Cashwell gave him 90 days on the roads for the two charges. He was also tried for shooting in the city limits, but he was acquitted of this charge.

The only other case coming before Deputy Recorder Cashwell yesterday was that of Harry Shivers, colored, who paid the costs for violating the driving ordinance.

**Allen's Foot-Ease for the Troops.**

Many war zone hospitals have ordered Allen's Foot-Ease, the antiseptic powder, for use among the troops. Shaken into the shoes and sprinkled in the foot-bath, Allen's Foot-Ease gives rest and comfort, takes the friction from the shoe, and prevents the feet getting tired or foot-sore. Drug and Department Stores everywhere sell it, 25c. Don't accept any substitute. Try it to-day.

*To Whom It May Concern:*

There is due and payable to the Young Men's Christian Association of Wilmington on pledges to the Building Fund the sum of $13,169.94 as of January 1st 1917. The money is badly needed by the Association to meet its obligations, which were contracted for in good faith based on the pledges to the Building Fund. The pledges were made and received by the Association in good faith, and those owing on such pledges are expected to keep their part of the contract. You will be advised of the amount in a few days, and settlement will be expected promptly. Payments may be made at the Home Savings Bank or at the Office of the Association.

H. LACY HUNT, President;
J. F. ROACHE, Chairman;
Finance Committee.

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Ask her about the new colored costume blouses of Georgette, crepe de Chine and net which are now so modish with the new velour suits.

Separate skirts are always interesting, but especially so this season. They are being developed in the new checked velours, serge, gabardine and tweeds.

Perhaps the most practical and becoming of the season's models are the one-piece dresses so generally worn. They are made of serge or gabardine, serge and satin, satin and broadcloth and other favored combinations of two fabrics. Such a frock is appropriate for almost any occasion.

If you are not already a subscriber for that wonderful magazine—McCALL'S—now is the time to enter your name. Only 50c a year; and if you buy a 15c pattern, only 35c.

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# SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Miss Clare Fay, of Richmond, Va., is visiting her mother, Mrs. G. E. Fay.

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Miss Lottie Bowden, of Hampton, Va., who has been visiting in the city, returned home yesterday.

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Mrs. G. C. Scott and little daughter, Marie, who have been visiting in Magnolia, have returned home.

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Mrs. K. B. Council, of Wananish, and Mrs. L. L. Dempsey, of Boardman, were guests yesterday at the Orton.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Rollin, of Fayetteville, who have been visiting relatives in the city, have returned home.

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The board of directors of the Y. W. C. A. will meet at the association building this morning at 10:30 o'clock.

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Misses Gladys and Cleo St. Clair, of Newport News, Va., returned home yesterday after visiting friends in this city.

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Miss Louise Batts, of Fayetteville, who has been spending some time in the city on business, has returned to her home.

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Mrs. G. M. Williams, and little son, Pat, of Alexandria, Va., are visiting Mrs. Williams' parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Breen.

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The Susannah Wesley Bible class will meet tonight at 8 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. J. D. Ruth, No. 1300 Chestnut street.

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Miss Jessie Rockwell, of Norfolk, Va., who has been visiting relative and friends here for several weeks, has returned home.

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The regular meeting of the Literature Department of North Carolina Sorosis will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock in the club rooms on North Third street.

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Miss Bessie Casteen will leave this morning for Rocky Mount to be with her father, Mr. Tom Casteen, who is ill in the Atlantic Coast Line hospital at that place.

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The Ladies Society of Winter Park Presbyterian church will hold its regular monthly meeting at 4 o'clock this afternoon at the residence of Mrs. G. C. McIntyre.

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Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Shinn, of Clinton, Tenn., are the guests of their sons, Messrs. J. W. and E. L. Shinn. Mr. Shinn is a prominent Baptist minister of Tennessee.

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A play followed by refreshments will be served at the Wrightsboro school house Friday night. A small admission fee will be charged. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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Mr. Daniel M. Turner, of Wilmington, and Miss Lottie M. Eichom, of Town Creek, were married last evening at 7:30 o'clock by Rev. T. C. Elders at his residence, No. 42 Manhattan.

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Miss Goldie Kaminski was hostess to a number of her friends at a dance given at her home on North Fourth street Tuesday night, in honor of Miss Esther Silverman, of Atlanta, Ga., who is visiting her.

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The Good Shepherd branch of the Girl's Friendly Society will give an entertainment this evening at 8 o'clock at the parish house for the benefit of the basketball fund. The programme will consist of songs, recitations and a playlet. Refreshments will also be served.

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Kinston, N. C., Feb. 7.—The home of Mrs. Albert DeK. Parrott, on King street, was the scene of a largely attended reception in honor of Mrs. C. A. Walsh on a recent afternoon. The honoree is a daughter of the hostess and a bride of last fall. There were more than 300 guests.

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The Mother's School Improvement Club of East Wilmington will give an oyster roast at the East Wilmington school house Friday evening at 8 o'clock. In addition hot coffee will be served. The proceeds will go for the benefit of the club. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Kelloway were hosts to a number of their friends Monday evening at a "Salmagundi" party in honor of Miss Nellie Childs, of Durham, who is visiting Rev. Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Hurt. A delicious refreshment course was served. Those winning prizes were: Mr. and Mrs. John R. Hanby; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scott, and Mrs. B. J. Willingham.

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The many friends of little Miss Ruth Parker, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis at the James Walker Memorial Hospital, will be glad to learn that she was able yesterday to return to her home, No. 711 Castle street.

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The United Workers of the First Baptist church are going to have a "Hard Times" party at the residence of Mrs. S. E. Koonce, corner Sixth and Grace streets. Invitations have been issued reading as follows:

"Come in rags, come in tags
But not in silken gowns,
We'll greet you in the same array
And hope to see you blith and gay
Next Friday night at eight o'clock
So at our door we hope you'll knock.

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### MANY ATTENDING THE BIBLE LECTURES OF MISS TAYLOR

The ladies of the city as well as the men who are attending the Bible lectures each afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Hemenway school building by Miss Angy Manning Taylor are finding them very instructive and inspiring. Miss Taylor has a wonderful insight into the teachings of the Bible and presents its truths in a most illuminating manner. Her lectures are illustrated with stories and incidents that bring home with great force the truths she wishes to present.

Her lecture yesterday afternoon on the first four chapters of St. John's Gospel was heard by a large audience. For an hour they listened most attentively as Miss Taylor explained in a clear and simple way the fundamental doctrines of the Christian religion. She will speak again this afternoon at 4 o'clock. There are no charges of any kind nor collections and the public is cordially invited to attend.

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### DELIGHTFUL FACULTY CONCERT AT FLORA MACDONALD COLLEGE

Red Springs, N. C., Feb. 7.—Members of the faculty, students and their friends, of Flora Macdonald College, were afforded the privilege Monday evening of hearing a most delightful musical recital by instructors in the conservatory of music of the institution. Those taking part in this concert were Miss Nancy P. McKibbin, soprano; Miss Nan Koenig, piano, and Miss Erma A Taylor, organ. The programme for the concert was as follows:

Moto Perpetuo ..... Von Weber
Miss Koenig

Sonata, Op. 50 ..... Guilmant
Allegro Macstoso
Miss Taylor

A Birthday.....Huntington Woodman
The Song of the Lark.....Coverley
A Spirit Flower.....Campbell-Tipton
Miss McKibbin

Etude, Op 25, No. 7....Frederic Chopin
Scherzo in B flat minor .....
..... Frederic Chopin
Miss Koenig

Autumn ..... Johnston
March Pontificale—from Honate....
..... Lemmens
Miss Taylor

A Maid Sings Light...Edw. MacDowell
Eglogue ..... Leo Delibes
Im Wunderschonen Monat Mai.....
..... Robert Franz
Will O' The Wisp .....
..... Charles Gilbert Spross
Miss McKibbin

Hungarian Rhapsodie, No. 6.....
..... Franz Liszt
Miss Koenig

### FRITZ HANSON AND ITALIAN WILL CLASH TOMORROW NIGHT

**Wilmington Fans to Again Have Weekly Mat Offering—Nasser is Good**

For the first time in two weeks Wilmington will have its regular Friday night wrestling match tomorrow night, when Fritz Hanson meets Joe Nasser a noted Italian matman, at Woolvin Hall. Nasser comes to Wilmington for his initial visit with a good record, and he is expected to give Fritz a good tussle.

Hanson had one of the toughtest battles of his career in Charlotte Tuesday night when he tackled Pink Gardner, the Queen City's favorite. After over an hour's struggle Gardner won the first fall, and Hanson took the second in something over half an hour. Toward the close of the third and final act, Hanson had Gardner in a bad way, and Pink slapped him on the shoulder with his free hand. Fritz thought it was Referee Jim Poulios awarding him the fall, so he released Gardner only to find that the Charlotte man had tricked him, and had quickly taken advantage of his surprise to get on top.

After considerable argument Gardner agreed to try it over and Hanson won in less than two minutes.

### SCOUTS TO HAVE BANQUET

**Future Men of America Will Gather at Festive Board Tonight**

The annual banquet of the Wilmington troops of the Boy Scouts of America, embracing 13 troops and 150 boys, will be held in the Y. M. C. A. at 6:45 o'clock this afternoon. Rev. J. H. McCracken, pastor of Fifth Avenue Methodist church will deliver an address on "Citizenship and Scouts", and Mr. B. A. Merritt, president of the local Scout council, will preside as toastmaster.

An exhibition drill of first aid and signal work will be given by Troop No. 6. under the direction of Mr. B. B. Cameron as scoutmaster, and Troop No 8 under the command of Scoutmaster John McEachern will give an exhibition of signaling.

### FUNERAL OF MRS. SANDERSON

**Services Conducted From Her Home at Rocky Point Yesterday Morning**

Attended by many relatives and friends, the funeral of Mrs. William M. Sanderson, whose death occurred Monday night at her home at Rocky Point, was conducted from the residence yesterday morning by her pastor, Rev. C. N. Phillips. The interment was in the family burying ground, a few miles from Rocky Point, by the side of her husband.

Mrs. Sanderson was 51 years old and had been a consistent member of Union Methodist church for many years. She had that abiding faith in a Saviour which did not fail but seemed to strengthen her as she neared the border land.


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### PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Solicitor Homer Lyon, of Whiteville, was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

—Rev. J. H. Poteet, pastor of the Baptist church at Whiteville, was a bussiness visitor here yesterday. He was accompanied by his daughter, Miss Eura Poteet.

—Dr. Wright Hall, of No. 610 South Front street, has sufficiently recovered from his recent illness to return to his office, his many friends will be delighted to learn.

—Chief Charles Schnibben, the genial head of the local fire department, was receiving the congratulations of his many frinds yesterday on the occasion of his fiftieth birthday.

—The many friends of Mr. W. H. West, the popular night clerk at the Hotel Wilmington, will regret to learn that he is confined to his room with neuralgia. During his absence, Mr. G. M. Edens is acting as night clerk.

—Recorder George Harriss, Dr. H. A. Codington, Mrs. John D. Taliaferro and Messrs. James F. Woolvin and Charles Keen, who were present to attend the trial of Raymond Whitaker at Clinton Tuesday, returned home yesterday morning.

—The North Carolina arrivals at the Wilmington yesterday included: Tho. F. Meinhardt, Greensboro; James B. McGurley, Fort Caswell; A. Sloan, New Bern; P. K. Teachey, Rose Hill; J. G. Southerland, Warsaw; M. Fairgerson, Southport.

—M. H. Hutchins, Esq., of Talapoosa, Ga., who is associated with Solicitor H. E. Shaw, of Kinston, in the prosecution of Raymond Whitaker, charged with the murder of John D. Taliaferro, in the Sampson county Superior court, is spending a few days in the city.

—Among the North Carolina arrivals at the Orton yesterday were: A. J. Barbour, Greensboro; F. B. Gault, Lake Waccamaw; U. M. Gillikin, Goldsboro; N. E. Bridgers and E. J. Hill, Warsaw; P. R. Smith, Elizabethtown; C. R. Carroon, New Bern; W. J. Duffy, Fayetteville.

—Mr. S. T. Ashe, of Raleigh, is here to spend a day or two and is a guest at the home of his daughter, Mrs. S. A. Stockard, in Winoca Terrace. Mr. Ashe formerly lived in Wilmington and has a host of friends who are delighted to welcome him on his occasional visits to the city.

### LOCAL DOTS

Mr. W. W. Holman, of Norfolk, Va., a travelling salesman, was suddenly stricken ill in this city, and carried to his home in Norfolk to undergo an operation Tuesday morning. Mrs. Holman came down from Norfolk, and accompanied him home. He is a brother of Auditor Holman, of the Wilmington hotel.

—Rehearsals for the play to be given under the ausices of the Rotary Club one week from today will be held in Woolvin Hall this afternoon and evening. Rehearsals for the children will be held at 3:30 o'clock, and for the others at 8 o'clock. After today the rehearsals will be held in the hall of the Germania Club.

—A foreigner applied to Mayor Moore Tuesday afternoon and asked for perission to solicit subscriptions to alleviate the sufferings of Syrians in Europe. He was informed him that it would first be necessary to secure the endorsement of the ministers of the city, and of the leading Syrians. The applicant never returned for the permit.

—The following deeds were filed yesterday in the office of the register of deeds: W. A. McGowan to J. D. McCarley and wife, property on Eighth street, for $100; New Hanover Transit Company to S. B. Hunter, property at Carolina Beach, for $100; J. Albert Schroeder to J. S. Cronly, property on Second street, for $10 and other considerations.

—Yesterday's Columbia State: "L. R. Dameron, of Wilmington, has been made rate clerk at Columbia for the Atlantic Coast Line railway and the Columbia, Newberry & Laurens railway, and has moved his family to Columbia. Mr. Dameron has been with the Atlantic Coast Line for a number of years, coming here from Sumter, where he was with the same road."

### NO MOONSHINERS TO BE INDICTED UNLESS TAKEN IN THE ACT

**District Attorney Carr Receives Copy of Important Ruling by Department**

District Attorney J. O. Carr has received an important ruling from the Treasury Department, which is to the effect that in future no moonshiners are to be arraigned before a United States Commissioner on charges of illicit distilling unless they shall have been taken in the act.

In all other cases, persons charged with illicit distilling will have the charges preferred against them investigated by the Dstrict Attorney, who will present the facts to the Federal grand jury for such action as they may care to take.

### LIVESTOCK DAY AT GASTONIA

**Beef Cattle Demonstration Features State Meeting**

(Special Star Telegram)

Gastonia, N. C., Feb. 7—Today's part in the State meeting programme was given over to livestock, the farm demonstrators and farmers having right of way. The feature was a beef cattle demonstration.

Among the speakers were Dan Gray, R. S. Curtis, A. J. Ree and A. G. Oliver.

Tomorrow club work will be discussed by T. E. Brown, of Raleigh, and others. The meeting will close with a conference tomorrow night of the farm demonstrators.

### SAYS HOLLAND CANNOT FOLLOW LEAD OF U. S.

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chant marine, and all, in case of war, would be of advantage to the United States.

"Our country, in spite of all its wealth, is almost financially exhausted by the war. We suffer from the need of coal, bread, corn and the most important food supplies, also from lack of iron and steel, which are almost entirely wanting. In addition, our eastern frontier is almost open.

"There are only a few of the existing differences. In the decision which our government must take it must consider things with which the United States is not obliged to count."

The newspaper then says that the Dutch government is probably in touch with other neutral governments, whose position is more like that of Holland than that of the United states, and adds:

"We can await with full confidence the action of our government and trust that it will consider only Dutch interests."

### SENATE VOTES TO UPHOLD PRESIDENT IN BREACH OF RELATIONS WITH GERMANY

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support the resolution because they did not believe the President's course wise or justified by the facts. All feared also that it would lead to war. Senator LaFollette made no address, but announced he would do so later. All who spoke were emphatic in their support of the government if war should come.

One of the stirring addresses was delivered from the Democratic side by Senator Underwood, who deprecated the present of the resolution before the presence of the resolution before drew from Senator Stone the admission that the President had not been consulted regarding introduction of the resolution.

The President reached his room near the Senate chamber while the debate was going on, but left immediately without consulting any senators as soon as he learned what was under consideration.

**Assails German Proclamation.**

Senator Sherman, Republican, pronounced the German declaration of ruthless submarine warfare the most unjustifiable proclamation to nations of the world "since the days of the Corsairs, since Drake and Frobisher, when pirates sailed the seas."

Senator Borah, Republican, declared the President's course was taken solely with a view to maintaining neutral rights. He warned against entering the war, declaring that entangling alliances thus inevitable would be the most disastrous thing that could happen to the country.

Forty-three Democrats and 35 Republicans voted for the resolution. Among the Democrats were: Overman, Simmons, Tillman and Smith, of South Carolina.

### WOULD GIVE POWER TO COMMANDEER SHIPPING

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such a prohibition by proclamation, as already has been done by President Wilson.

The bill, designed to place the United States on a par with European nations in the control of its shipping facilities in time of stress, was drawn up after a conference last night between Secretary McAdoo, Chairman Denman, of the shipping board, and members of Congress. Toda yit was given approval by President Wilson and was presented in Congress by Senator Fletcher, chairman of the Senate Commerce committee.

A feature to which officials attach particular significance is such a provision that the property to be taken over may be seized without notice if the President considers the emergency warrants it, though the Federal government "thereafter shall pay the person interested the fair actual value of the properity taken to be determined by appraisers, one appointed by the board, one by the person interested, and the third by the two so appointed, the finding of such appraisers to be final and binding upon both parties.

During the day a bill which might clear up some of the uncertainties regarding the status of war-bound vessels in American ports was favorably reported by the House Judiciary committee. It would regulate the conduct of vessels in United States ports and waters and empower the President to put guards on them or take possession of them and remove their officers and crew, in the event of war or threatened war. It prohibits use of any craft, foreign or domestic, as a resort for conspirators against the United States, under penalty of forfeiture of the vessel and maximum penalty of $10,000 fine, two years imprisonment, or both for its officers if they knowingly permit such use.


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A. S. HOLDEN, Secretary.

**Brunswick School Apportionment**

Southport, N. C., Feb. 7.—The county board of education held its sessions Monday. The chief business transacted was the per capita apportionment to the school districts, of the State money that is given to assure the minimum of four months school. Special districts have voted extra amounts and get longer terms for their children.


**OPEN NOSTRILS! END A COLD OR CATARRH**

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# THEATRICAL

Jack Amick's Pennant Winners presented for Wilmington amusement lovers yesterday undoubtedly the greatest musical comedy production at popular prices that had ever been put on in this city. There's the class of the dollar and a half musical comedy all the way through this big fun and music show that will be repeated for the last times today and tonight, and it glitters and scintillates from beginning to end, a gay galaxy of beautiful costumes, nifty and gorgeous scenery, pretty girls who can wear costumes nicely, and who can both sing and dance, one of the very greatest blackface comedy roles that Bob Jarvis has ever presented anywhere—ten laughs to the minute more than that of the first bill—and a real comedy plot that has some moments of big interest.

Bob Jarvis, in a singing and dancing act was recalled five times on the afternoon performance, presenting the niftiest line of parodies on current song hits that have ever been heard. He simply had to refuse to come out again when he had completely exhausted his repertoire—and wind. And there was several of the niftiest dancing numbers by the chorus that have ever been seen. Each performance yesterday ran from ten to twenty minutes overtime on account of the great applause and many calls. It is a show that no one should miss today—and to enumerate all of the big features would take entirely too much space here.

Those great Paramount comedy features will be repeated again today—and by the way—Wilmington has never before seen such a rip-snortin' comedy as "Nearly a Deserter." It's simply rich and everyone should get there in time for the pictures today.

**Great Bill at Bijou**

Today the Bijou's great bill of movies contains two mighty exclusive and high class features that not a single patron of that theatre should miss. The first is the latest issue of the Hearst-Pathe News, just five days out of New York City. In this issue is contained many scenes of interest in connection with the breaking of diplomatic relations with Germany, scenes both here and in Berlin. The first pictures of the new Austrian ambassador who is now on pins for fear he will be recalled, are also contained in this issue, as well as startlingly realistic views of a great steamship wreck, and many other great scenes.

"Putting One Over On Ignatz" is a single reeler, but it deserves first mention, as it is one of the most unique and irresistible comedy creations of the year, and presents for the first time the famous "Universal Beauty Chorus" of girls. It's some dream, take it from us.

"Brute Force" is the title of a sensational and strongly dramatic two-reel production starring George Pearce and Jane Bernoudy in the two leading roles, with all-star supporting cast.

**"Redeeming Love" at Grand**

"Redeeming Love" is the title of today's mammoth Paramount attraction at the Grand, and it will doubtless prove a veritable sensation, as it is undoubtedly one of the greatest productions ever released on the Paramount programme. In this great Morosco-Paramount super-feature that beautiful and talented screen star known around the world, Kathlyn Williams, makes her first bow to Paramount audiences. She is supported by that strong emotional dramatic actor, Thomas Holding, who formerly played in famous Players productions and made such a great hit playing opposite Pauline Frederick in many features, most notable being his interpretation of that strong leading role in Hall Caine's "The Eternal City."

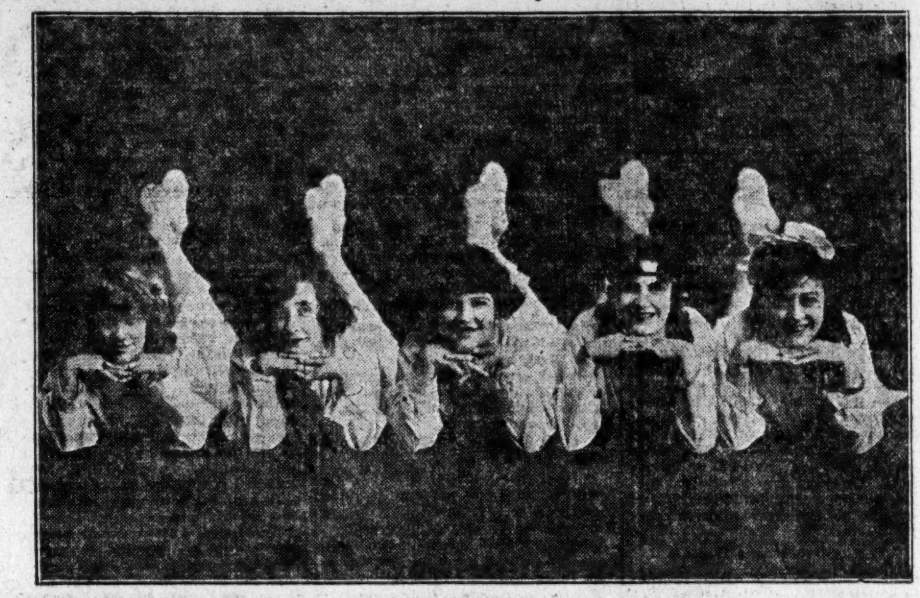
"Redeeming Love" is a powerful drama relating the story of a country girl whose beauty fascinates a gambler who comes to her home town to rest. She falls in love with him and finally goes to the city plunging into the gambling life and becoming so imbued with the spirit of the gamester that the getting of money is her one religion in life.

Thomas Holding, as Jno Bancroft, the young minister of her home town, who finally comes to the city to wage war on the gamblers and finds himself pitted against this beautiful girl, is real little castaway in East India surroundings. In the role of the Scotch Lassie, in "The Pride of the Clan," she has an utterly different characterization which every critic has heralded as her very greatest screen part.

**Howe's Travel Festival.**

Gallantry and heroism, tragedy and comedy, humor and pathos, triumph and disaster—all this and much more illumine from start to finish every foot of the wondrous filmization of Sir Douglas Mawson's expedition into the heart of the Antarctic which Lyman H. Howe will present at the Academy, matinee and night on next Wednesday. The humor is all the more sprightly and refreshing because it is so natural. Although the comedians are birds and animals, they are so humanly amusing in every action that laughter is simply irresistible.

Some of the noblest scenery in America will also be shown during a ride through Yosemite National Park. It abounds with memorable views of jagged peaks, incomparable vistas of nature and rivers strolling majestically from dizzy heights. Then, too, a rich measure of merriment and humor are provided by the quaint antics and rollicking humor of entirely new and original animated cartoons.



Five Dimpled Darlings With Jack Amick's Pennant Winners in "Dan Dooley's Double" at the Royal today.

KATHLYN WILLIAMS

Co-Star with Thomas Holding in "Redeeming Love" Paramount Prednction at the Grand today.

**Fire at Roseboro.**

Fayetteville, N. C., Feb. 7.—The Observer learns that the dwelling of Mr. R. M. Sykes at Roseboro was burned to the ground Tuesday morning. The fire was discovered between the ceiling and roof and the efforts of those who fought the flames were unavailing. There are no water hydrants at Roseboro. All the furniture except a cook stove was saved. There was no insurance.

**Naturalization Records Broken.**

Philadelphia, Feb. 7.—All naturalization records for Philadelphia were broken today when 78 foreigners, 65 of the Central Powers, filed preliminary papers.

## BRUNSWICK COMMISSIONERS MAKE "RADICAL" CHANGES

**Former County Treasurer Russ Makes Final Settlement With County.**

(Special Star Correspondence).

Southport, N. C., Feb. 7.—The county commissioners in their meeting this week passed two most important resolutions that appear radical, only so, however, because they will work a change from past rules that have governed, the change being a progressive one that cannot fail to be fully endorsed by the people of the county.

The first resolution is to the effect that no cost or any part thereof shall be paid in a court case until a final disposition shall be made of the case. The action previously has been to pay part of the costs in cases where parties might be present from a distance as a favor. This has worked a hardship to the county interests, but as it has been a custom it continued, but from now on will be no longer in force.

The other resolution will do away with custom of the register of deeds issuing orders for bills in court costs. In the future these bills will be paid by the clerk of the court, as soon as audited and approved by the solicitor, thus clearing up bills that are often carried along for months and have to be looked up by the register of deeds, at considerable loss of time.

C. A. Russ, former county treasurer, whose term expired December 1, last, the county finances now being handled through the Citizens Bank of Shallotte, made final settlement with the county this week, there being but three items remaining unsettled. C. L. S.

## CRAVEN TO SELL $275,000 OF BONDS WITHIN FEW DAYS

**Proceeds to be Used in Liquidating Floating Indebtedness**

(Special Star Correspondence)

New Bern, N. C., Feb. 7.—Two hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars worth of Craven county bonds, dated March 1st and bearing interest at five per cent, are to be placed on the market during the course of the next few days and the money which will be received from the sale of these will be used in paying the floating indebtedness of the county.

When the present Board of Comissioners took charge of the office, they found that the previous board had left a floating indebtedness of that amount and they desire to liquidate this and will do so as soon as the bonds have been disposed of.

## LEAVES SECRETARY DANIELS

**Howard A. Banks, Private Secretary, Joins Sunday School Times**

Washington, D. C., Feb. 7.—Mr. Howard A. Banks, a well known North Carolina newspaper man, has been appointed associate editor of the Sunday School Times, published in Philadelphia, and will assume his new duties in the near future. This means that he will resign his position as private secretary to Hon. Josephus Daniels, of Raleigh, Secretary of the Navy, a position he has filled since Mr. Daniels became a member of the President's cabinet.

The Sunday School Times is one of the largest and most important interdenominational papers in America, and Mr. Banks is well fitted for this position on the editorial staff of that periodical. It has not been announced who will be his successor as secretary to the Secretary of the Navy.

## OFFICERS NEEDED FOR SHIPS

**One of First Duties While Building Up Merchant Marine.**

(Washington Post).

"If we are to have an American merchant marine—and it appears that we shall have one eventually, notwithstanding the efforts of Congress—we must also have a sufficient number of men to officer the ships," remarked Capt. A. D. Smith, of Portland, Ore., a retired sea captain.

"Shipping must be made a business and our young men made to take a livsly interest in it, just as they now are interested in other lines of endeavor. The establishment of nautical schools on both coasts is absolutely necessary, if we are to have enough officers. It has been considered necessary to suspend our citizenship laws to permit aliens to officer our mercantile fleet, yet the number of vessels ned for putting to sea underofficered is increasing.

"Great Britain maintains 18 schoolships for her merchant marine, and Japan has three. In New York there is a nautical school, established in 1784 on board the old St. Mary's, the first class graduating in 1876. In 1915 43 cadets received their diplomas after a long course in seamanship, engineering and electricity on board the schoolship Newport.

"In spite of the numerous handicaps imposed by Congress, we are today building up a merchant fleet. Every available shipyard on both coasts is busy, and many new ones are being established. The great activity is due to the abnormal freight rates now obtaining because of he shortage of ships enable shipowners to make good profits despite adverse legislation.

"It is certainly to be hoped that when conditions become normal our ships will not have to be transferred to foreign registry to enable their owners to make profit. Today on the Pacific coast there are not a halg dozen vessels doing business with the Orient that fly the American flag."

## A MOTHER'S REQUEST

**Philadelphia Woman Asks Secretary to Have an Interview With Her Son**

(Y. M. C. A. Border Work).

A mother who has a son at Camp Stewart, El Paso, has asked the association in that camp to have a secretary hunt her boy up and give him a few cheering words, in order that any homesick feeling may be dispelled and the boy kept in the straight path. Her letter follows:

"Dear eGntlemen:

"I have just received a beautiful letter from my son, of the Philadelphia cavalry, Camp Stewart, who cannot speak highly enough of what the Y. M. C. A. has been to him since being on the border. We feel from the drift of his letter that he is homesick. We would much appreciate it if some one of your men would personally interview him with cheering words, without his knowing that we had made this request. I have learned during the past week of four men of the 3rd regiment who had acquired the drinking habit before joining the army, but through the influence of your Y. M. C. A. they have become total abstainers and are now church-going boys. Then again, I have learned of others who had acquired the habit of drinking through the "canteen" in the army. My boy has promised me not to touch it, but I am fearful that he might, in his despondency, be persuaded to partake of the "cursed cup." May I ask you to please take a personal interest in an anxious mother's only child, as I know that the temptations of camp life are trying.

"Thanking you very kindly for the many favors shown him and for complying with this request, I am,

"Very gratefully yours,

"Mrs. ....."

## COSTS $2,500 TO REMOVE SNOW.

**City Force Busy All Day Cleaning Downtown Streets.**

(Baltimore Sun.)

Even the snow costs money when it "projects beyond the building line."

The expense in connection with this "minor privilege" comes out of the city treasury, however, instead of fattening it. Saturday night's three inches of snow cost the city $2,500. That amount of money will be required to pay the large force of men which was kept hustling all day under Commissioner Larkins. Three hundred and fifty laborers, 150 street carts, 100 garbage carts, three motor snow plows, two horse-driven plows and a large garbage truck were utilized by the street department in getting downtown Baltimore ready for tomorrow's business.

The ideal weather and the fact that there was no traffic to interrupt the work gave the men free rein and Mr. Larkins said his force accomplished about two days' work in one. At 7:30 o'clock last evening the streets were clean from Paca street to the Fallsway and between Centre and Lee streets. In addition to this all the depots, steamboat wharves and bridge footways had received attention and the approaches to the following markets had been celared of snow: Lexington, eBlaair, Richmond, Cross Street and Hanover.

Throughout the business district groups of interested spectators watched the work of the "white wings" in getting rid of the snow and slush. Its collection by means of hose and broom and its subsequent removal in carts was accomplished in record time, and even before noon the more traveled streets were merely damp in spots.

Today the residential sections will be given attention by the district superintendents, whose forces were concentrated yesterday in the business area, and Mr. Larkins said that if he could have a little warm weather, or, better still, a little rain, he would have the streets of the entire city in first class condition this evening. The weather man, just to be obliging, has promised both. He says the mercury will fall today and also predicts some rain, so the street department will have a chance to make good its boast.

**Women's Golf Tournament**

Pinehurst, N. C., Feb. 7.—Mrs. Dorothy Campbell Hurd, Pittsburg, led a field of nearly 50 players in the qualifying round of the St. Valentine golf tournament for women here today with a card of 95. Miss Gertrude Thurston, of West Hampton was second, with 101.

## GOLDEN EGG HEN RIVALED.

**Kansas Pullets Start New Year With Heavy Laying Streak.**

(Cottonwood Falls, Kas., Special to Kansas City Star.)

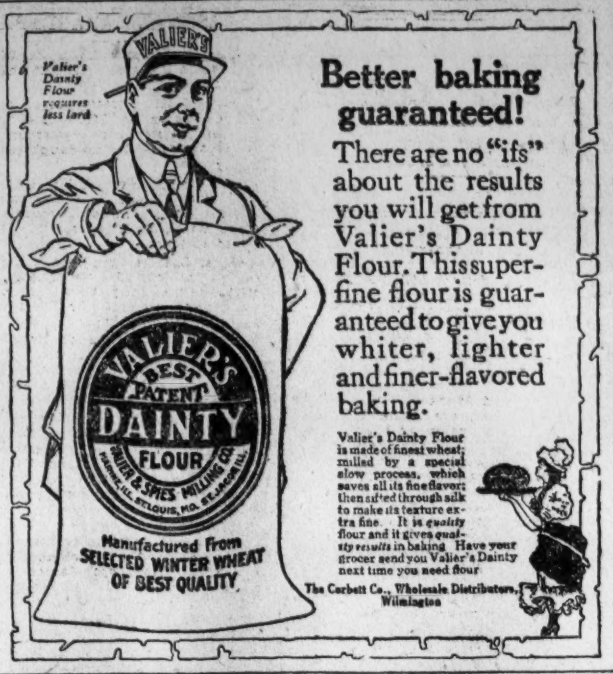
It is certainly not the fault of 112 Rhode Island Red pullets belonging to Mrs. W. T. Glanville, who lives east of here, that fresh eggs are so scarce at present. For the week ended January 13 these pullets laid 16 1-2 dozen eggs. From January 13 to 16 they laid 151 eggs.

Mrs. Glanville gathered 51 eggs on January 16, which has so far been their best laying record. The pullets have since been maintaining the record they have set since they began laying early in January. They are the best paying investment on the Glanville farm, for their value. The eggs have been marketed at from 35 to 42 cents a dozen.

Most of the hens in the country are on their annual winter strike. Mrs. Glanville believes her simple rules in feeding and caring for the flock may aid their desire to lay. The rules: First, for the morning feed, a ration of kafir corn only scattered on the ground in the bed, so the chickens have to work for their breakfast by scratching out the seeds. One other feed is given at night, a hot mash of bran and corn chop.

The chickens have all the skimmed milk they care to drink during the day and plenty of fresh water. They are given the liberty of the farm and are out ranging over a large part of it during the day. Aside from these simple rules, Mrs. Glanville has no other regulations. She advises the hatching of early chicks for winter layers. Most of her pullets now making such a good record were hatched early in April.

—Rev. J. S. Crowley will preach at the Hallsboro Presbyterian church Sunday morning and evening. All are invited to attend both services.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# Anecdotes of Lincoln

Lincoln in 1865

Newest Statue of Lincoln by G.G. Barnard. To be Presented to the City of Cincinnati by Mr and Mrs. Chas. P. Taft

One of the Few Statues of Lincoln as a Young Man Shown at the World's Fair at St. Louis

Statue of Lincoln at Long Beach, Cal., Erected Last Summer

## Little Stories of the Happenings in the Life of Our First Martyred President.

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PERHAPS no man in American history has connected with his name and career more stories and incidents of the time in which he lived and the experiences of the frontier where he spent most of his life than Abraham Lincoln. The characteristics of the man were unique and his wonderful insight into human nature combined with a faculty of illustrating by quaint metaphor, apt and terse expressions, and by appropriate stories or humor, makes his career the most interesting as well as the most instructive of all our great men.

**Fond Of Children.**

It is a well-known fact that Lincoln wore a beard because a little girl wrote to him telling him that she thought a beard would be more becoming to him than a smooth face. All during the war when the wives of soldiers brought their children with them when asking favors they were always given his closest attention. He was an indulgent father, seemingly unwilling to cross his children in anything. He loved to take his boys and their little friends to the old magic lantern shows, and had he lived in the present age he would undoubtedly have been a patron of the "movies."

His youngest child, "Tad," seems to have been the favorite, and many stories are told of the father's special interest in this boy as well as his tact in handling his wife. Mrs. Lincoln is said to have been the possessor of a temper that was far from mild, and the President was used to "giving in" for the sake of peace. The following little incident occurred just after Lincoln's election. Little Tad came running into the room where his parents were sitting.

"Oh, Father," he exclaimed, "now that you are elected we will all be President, won't we?"

"No, son," replied Mr. Lincoln looking at his wife, "only me and your mother!"

**Fine Story-teller Himself.**

Lincoln himself was regarded as a fine story-teller, and during his law practice he turned many a jury in favor of his client by the aid of a story which illustrated the point he wished to make. He was shrewd in his cross-examinations, as shown in the case where he was defending a man charged with murder. One of the witnesses testified that he had seen the crime committed by the light of the moon. Lincoln drew the man out and had him tell and retell the story. Finally, when the case was ready for the jury he produced the almanac and proved that there was no moon on the night of the murder. The man was promptly acquitted.

**Always Charitable.**

In his law practice he was charitable and defended many poor people, never receiving a penny for his work, although he was a poor man himself. Once when his wife urged him to sue a client for his fee he declined, saying that he knew if the man had the money he would pay, and then added that he knew his duty toward his fellowman.

**Gets Out Of Critical Situations.**

He was an adept in getting out of a critical situation, especially when he found his opponent in temper, and in these cases his dry humor served him well. A keen student of human nature, he knew how to handle people to the best advantage and how to avert a clash. On one occasion a Governor of a State called to see him because a man he had recommended for a certain office had not been appointed. He remained a long time in the President's office and finally emerged smiling although he failed in his mission.

"How did you manage that?" asked one of the President's friends who knew the irate visitor.

"Oh!" said Mr. Lincoln, "I just ploughed around him, and it took me three hours to do it and I expected every minute he would find it out."

At another time Senator Fessenden came from the Capitol in a terrible rage because Mr. Lincoln had made certain promises in matters of patronage, which he considered unjust to himself and he reproached the President in intemperate language. Mr. Lincoln made no explanation or reply until the fury of the words had been spent, then he said in a droll way:

"You are an Episcopalian, aren't you, Fessenden?"

"Yes, sir, I belong to that Church," replied the astonished Senator.

"I thought so! You Episcopalians all swear alike. Seward is an Episcopalian; Stanton is a Presbyterian—you ought to hear him swear!" Then he proceeded to describe the different kinds of swearing and analyzed each one until the Senator's anger died away and he was able to discuss the matter in a rational manner.

He was continually pestered by people who asked troublesome questions or desired to tell him long stories of their troubles, and when an officer of low volunteer rank persisted in telling and retelling his troubles to the President on a summer afternoon when that official was careworn, he finally turned from the man, and looking out upon the broad Potomac said in a peremptory tone that ended the interview; "Now, my man, go away, go away. I cannot meddle in your case. I could as easily bale out the Potomac River with a teaspoon as attend to all the details of the Army!"

**Women Callers Too Much.**

Women callers were among his greatest worries, and on one occasion a handsome and attractively gowned young woman called to see him in reference to a relative who was in prison suffering great injustice. After listening to her for a little while he concluded, as he afterward explained, that he was too soft to deal with her and sent her to the War Department with a sealed envelope containing a card upon which he had written:

"This woman, dear Stanton, is smarter than she looks to be."

Another woman came to the White House one morning on an unusual errand which the President suspected was a pretext but he took her at her word and gave her a letter to the head of the Quartermaster's Department. It read as follows:

"My Dear Sir:

"The lady—bearer of this—says she has two sons who want to work. Set them at it if possible. Wanting to work is so rare a merit that it should be encouraged.

"A. LINCOLN."

His sarcasm over reports of army officers that he did not believe is shown by the answer he gave to a man who begged Mr. Lincoln to tell him how many Rebels were in the field.

"Twelve hundred thousand, according to the best authority," he replied.

"Good heavens!" said the man.

"Yes, sir, twelve hundred thousand—no doubt of it. You see, all of our generals when they get whipped say the enemy outnumbered them from three or five to one, and I must believe them. We have four hundred thousand men in the field, and three times four makes twelve. Don't you see it?"

**Kindness During War.**

Lincoln's kindness knew no bounds during the dark days of the Civil War when relatives came to see him in reference to the men who were fighting and he frequently threw orders to the winds when he found worthy cases where mercy had to be tempered with justice, much to the disgust of the War Department. One day an old man came to him with the sad story of the conviction of his son for an unpardonable crime. He was the only son and he had been sentenced to death.

"I am sorry, but I can do nothing for you," said the President. "See this telegram I received from General Butler yesterday:

"'President Lincoln, I pray you not to interfere with the court-martial of the army. You will destroy all discipline among our soldiers.

"'B. F. BUTLER.'"

The President looked at the old man so bowed with grief for a few minutes. Then he said:

"Butler or no Butler, this boy must not die," and writing a few words on a slip of paper he handed it to the old man. It read:

"Job Smith is not to be shot until further orders from me.

"ABRAHAM LINCOLN."

"Why," said the old man sadly, "I thought it was a pardon. You may order him to be shot next week!"

"My old friend," replied the President, "if your son never dies 'till orders come from me to shoot him, he will live to be a great deal older than Methuselah."

A young bride came to see the President one day in reference to her husband who was about to be shot for not returning to his regiment at the end of a furlough during which time he had married. During the honeymoon his regiment was moved, and not knowing this he gave himself only time enough to reach their former station and found himself too late to join them at the next camp. He was accredited as a deserter. The President listened to her story and sent her to the War Department. Here she was met with a curt refusal and rebuked for troubling the President. With her hopes at a low ebb she turned to leave and met the President coming up the steps. She was weeping and the President, recognizing her at once, asked her if she had failed to see the Secretary. Through her tears she explained her treatment and again begged the President's aid, promising that her husband would never again fail in his duty.

"Give yourself no further trouble," said the President, patting her on the shoulder. The order was issued. The young husband gave his life for his country at Gettysburg a year later.

The President frequently visited the military camps and questioned the men, especially the prisoners. His love of justice was proverbial and on several occasions he saved men from being shot as deserters after an investigation of their cases and turned them into far better soldiers than they had been before.

One might tell hundreds of stories illustrating the splendid character of this man who served his country so well, but in the short space of a newspaper article space will permit only a few—yet enough to show the kindly nature and love of justice of this rare statesman who went down to his death just as a bright day was dawning over a reunited country—the land he loved so well.

# St. Valentine's Day

"A Reading." by Fragonard

"Love's First Thorn" by Dever

"Crowning Love." by Fragonard

"The Target." by Boucher

"A Pastoral Scene." by Boucher

## Survives Despite Modernism - Celebration Really An Outgrowth of a Pagan Custom - Odd and Interesting Facts About the Day.

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NEITHER the twentieth century rush nor the practical age of scientific advancement can eradicate the romance in human nature; and though efforts have been made in every age to abolish various uses and abuses of St. Valentine's day, it yet prevails.

**A Survival Of Pagan Times.**

The celebration of St. Valentine's day is a survival of pagan times. Although frequently attempts have been made to abolish it as silly and senseless and even a harmful custom, it has withstood the attacks of logic and philosophy of every age. Within the past decade or two, thanks to the universal discouragement of all which is grotesque, unkind or cruel, the vulgar or the caricaturing valentine is generally tabooed, and any hint in this direction is regarded as distinctly out of taste of sentimentality, or a message of the clever, harmless comic type, will be delivered by his hand.

There is nothing to prove that the good saint for whom the day is named had any part in its observance, although there is a pretty tradition to the effect that when a cruel Cæsar ordained that there should be no marrying among his young men because it made them less willing to go to war, Bishop Valentine of Rome interceded in the cause of the lovers and married many of them clandestinely.

History does state that this holy man was beaten and then beheaded on February 14, 270, A. D., and it is possible that the reason for his martyrdom was his breaking of the cruel edict of Claudius II. The good saint lies buried in the Church of St. Pressede, in Rome. His place of death is just outside of the Piazza del Popolo, in Rome, near the gate now known as Porta del Popolo, but for long named in honor of the saint of lovers, Porta Valentini.

For years maidens and love-sick swains said a prayer as they passed through the portal of good Saint Valentine to the patron of their cause, on their way across the sunny piazza. History which chronicles these events may be erring, but romance is strong, surviving every age, and today sentiment asserts itself on St. Valentine's day as persistently as truth itself.

**As For Centuries Past.**

Nor has time greatly changed the messages of love from age to age; and honeyed words, their intensity enhanced by pictures of pierced hearts, cupids shooting their fatal darts and lovers' meetings have been the accepted medium of exchange of valentine professions. Flowers through all the ages have gone on their fragrant mission carrying more delicately than any other token their love-fraught message; sweets still go to the sweet as they have gone for centuries on this anniversary, their purpose more meaningly conveyed through heart-shaped boxes and other delicate suggestions of the day.

So has it been from time immemorial that lovers have found a way to the hearts of their mates since long before Chaucer gave to the world the lines:

"Ye know well, how on St. Valentine's
Day,
By my statute, and through my
gouvernaunce,
Ye doe chese your makes, and after
flie away
With hem as I pricke you with
pleasaunce."

As it has been with men so has it been with the birds according to the old writers, and Shakespeare in his "Midsummer Night's Dream" alludes to this in his lines:

"..... Valentine is past;
Begin these woodbirds but to couple
now?"

A study of history leads one to the conclusion that the custom of observing the day was the outgrowth of the struggle of Christianity against paganism, the festival supplanting the Roman feast of Lupercalia, celebrated on February 15, in honor of Pan and Juno. One of the features of this feast was the placing in a box or urn of the names of maidens; these were drawn by young men as chance directed. The girls thus chosen were the sweethearts of the men for the season.

**Once Used Human Sacrifices.**

The ceremonies held in connection with this choosing in far back days included human sacrifices, which was later superseded by that of dogs and goats. The chief actors in these pagan ceremonials were young men of noble family, their part being to receive a slight cut in the forehead with the knife which had slaughtered the animals.

They then cut thongs from the hides of the beasts and, running through the city, they struck the women and maidens as they passed who awaited their coming, for to be struck by the Luperci was held as a lucky omen for love and marriage.

These early pagan Roman rites naturally led to great abuses, and in an effort to supplant them with Christian ceremonials the religious men of the Christian era set February 14th, the date of the death of St. Valentine, as the day for choice of lovers; and, placing the names of saints in the urns, they urged the young men to draw these names and to make the particular saint thus drawn the model for the year. This custom is practiced in some religious houses to this day.

But custom is stronger than priestly teachings and history relates that in the fifth century Pope Gelasius was still exorcising St. Valentine's Day of some of its grosser practices. St. Francis de Sales did his utmost, toward the end of the sixteenth century, to rob St. Valentine's day of its loverly intent by forbidding and condemning the sending of notes, valentines and frivolities, himself providing religious substitutes. But all to no purpose, for in that and following centuries St. Valentine's festival continued to reign as the time of love's exchanges.

**From Old, Old Records.**

Mission, a Frenchman, in his travels in England, says, "On the eve of the Fourteenth of February, St. Valentine's Day, a time when all living nature inclines to couple, the young folks in England and Scotland, too, by a very ancient custom, celebrate a little festival that tends to the same end. An equal number of maids and bachelors get together, each writes their true or some feigned name upon separate billets, which they roll up, and draw by way of lots, the maids taking the men's billets and the men the maids'; so that each of the young men lights upon a girl which he calls his valentine, and each of the girls upon a young man whom she calls hers.

"By this means each has two valentines, but the man sticks faster to the valentine which has fallen to him than the valentine to whom he has fallen. Fortune having thus divided the company into so many couples the valentines give balls and treats to their mistresses, wear their billets for several days upon their bosoms or their sleeves, and this little sport often ends in love."

Again in the seventeenth century, when love exchanges ran rampant, one finds that charming chronicler of domestic life, Pepys' Diary, retailing the St. Valentine customs of the day of Charles II in Old England. At that date presents were given by the choosing party. Under date of February 14, 1665, he mentions that he had to give a Mrs. Pierce a dozen pairs of silk stockings, and two years later he states that his wife having drawn him as her valentine, "it will cost me five pounds, but that much I must have laid out had we not been valentines." So his economical husbandly soul is assuaged.

A year later the valentine vogue still prevailed because he writes that again he is his wife's valentine, and that "she hath made lately as my valentine a turkey ring set with diamonds," quite an expensive valentine token, surely.

**Two Old Bits Of Verse.**

In Poor Robin's Almanack for 1676 that facetious observer of old customs tells his readers on St. Valentine's Day:

"Now Andrew, Anthony and William,
For valentines draw Prue, Kate,
Jilian."

The same periodical a century later breaks forth in the following:

"This month bright Phoebus enters
Pisces,
The maids will have good store of
kisses,
For always when the sun comes
there,
Valentine's Day is drawing near,
And both the men and maids incline
To chuse them each a valentine;
And if a man gets one he loves,
He gives her first a pair of gloves;
And, by the way, remember this,
To seal the favor with a kiss."

**Few Old Valentines Extant.**

Coming down to the past century we find an English journal taking a very serious view of certain flights of industrial fancy made by "an enterprising perfumer," who in the year 1868, endeavored to impart to the ancient usage a somewhat novel character, and had on sale a large assortment of boxes containing articles of millinery, singing birds, scents and so on, in lieu of the simple letter with its enshrined mottoes, device or cartoon, which satisfied the taste of the last generation.

It is a strange fact that with all the collecting fads there are remarkably few old valentines extant, and in none of the largest and best known collections of archives is there a valentine collection to be found. The fragile flowery and lace paper missives of our grandmothers are among the things which have disappeared, and few of the beautiful modern productions of 1917 may be compared with those of the past.

# FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

## COTTON CONTINUES NERVOUS

**Trading is Comparatively Quiet—General List Closes 4 Points Lower to 13 Points Higher.**

New York, Feb. 7.—The cotton market showed continued nervousness and irregularity today with trading comparatively quiet. May sold up from 15.50 to 15.77, declined to 15.57 and closed at 15.62, with the general list closing very steady, net 4 points lower to 13 points higher. New crop months were relatively steady during the entire day.

The market opened steady at a decline of 7 points to an advance of 3 points and sold about 7 to 15 points net lower during the first few minutes. Traders seemed uneasy over shipping conditions, but around 15.34 for March and 15.55 for July the market steadied. Reports that the British government had decided to offer marine insurance to neutral shipping at very low rates was followed by an advance which extended to 15.60 for March and 15.81 for July or about 12 to 17 points net higher. The buying then tapered off and later fluctuations were irregular. Trading was quiet during the entire day with comparatively few small orders responsible for most of the price movements. The report of the census bureau indicated that 583,710 bales of bleached cotton fibre including linters and hull fibre had been used in the manufacture of explosives in this country for the year 1916, compared with 244,003 in 1915.

| | Open | High | Low | Close |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| March | 15.45 | 15.60 | 15.24 | 15.44 |
| May | 15.60 | 15.77 | 15.50 | 15.62 |
| July | 15.63 | 15.81 | 15.55 | 15.70 |
| October | 15.81 | 15.50 | 15.24 | 15.46 |
| December | 15.49 | 15.64 | 15.40 | 15.60 |

Spot cotton steady; middling uplands 11.55; no sales.

### PORT MOVEMENT.

New Orleans—Middling 17,19; receipts 1,863; sales 650; stock 438,012.

Galveston—Middling 16.00; receipts 6,712; exports 6,150; sales 338; stock 299,517.

Mobile—Receipts 337; stock 12,301.

Savannah—Middling 18.50; receipts 258; stock 180,403.

Charleston—Middling 18.50; receipts 41; stock 57,885.

Wilmington—Receipts 89; stock 51,692.

Norfolk—Middling 16.00; receipts 955; sales 304; stock 99,082.

Baltimore—Stock 9,780.

Boston—Middling 15.60; receipts 310; stock 12,100.

Philadelphia—Middling 15.80; stock 3,774.

New York—Middling 15.55; exports 1,968; sales 700; stock 161,267.

Minor Ports—Stock 69,780.

Total today—Receipts 10,565; exports 8,118; stock 1,595,513.

Total for week—Receipts 77,742; exports 70,262.

Total for season—Receipts 5,634,990; exports 3,818,385.

**Interior Movement.**

Houston—Middling 15.65; receipts 5,766; shipments 8,268; sales 4,309; stock 173,475.

Memphis—Middling 17.00; receipts 3,180; shipments 1,998; stock 345,091.

Augusta—Middling 16.13; receipts 188; shipments 748; stock 126,586.

St. Louis—Receipts 1,263; shipments 1,490; stock 31,040.

Cincinnati—Receipts 154; shipments 237; stock 23,334.

Little Rock—Middling 17.00; receipts 184; shipments 754; stock 37,987.

Dallas—Middling 15.40.

Montgomery—Middling 17.50.

Atlanta (semi-weekly)—Stock 76,639

Total today—Receipts 10,735; shipments 13,495; stock 738,013.

### LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Feb. 7.—Spot cotton easier, good middling 10.41; middling 10.31; low middling, 10.13. Sales 6,000 bales; 700 for speculation and export; receipts none.

Futures quiet and steady. February 9.94; February and March 9.91; March and April 9.91; April and May 9.87; May and June 9.87; June and July 9.83; July and August 9.78; August and September 9.60; September and October 9.40; October and November 9.38; November and December 9.21; December and January 9.16; January and February 9.16; February and March 9.16.

### NEW YORK MONEY MARKET.

New York, Feb. 7.—Mercantile paper 4; sterling 60 day bills 4.72½; commercial 60 day bills on banks 4.72½; commercial 60 day bills 4.72¼; demand 4.75½; cables 4.76 7-16. Bar silver 77½. Mexican dollars 59¾. Government and railroad bonds irregular. Time loans easy, 60 days 3½ to 4; 90 days and six months 3¾ to 4. Call money steady, ruling rate 2½.

### CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, Feb. 7.—Hogs, weak, 5c under yesterday's average; bulk 12.10 to 12.40; light 11.70 to 12.25; mixed 11.80 to 12.45; heavy 11.85 to 12.50; rough 11.85 to 12.00; pigs 9.70 to 10.90.

Cattle—Weak; native beef cattle 7.90 to 12.25; western steers 7.90 to 10.30; stockers 6.10 to 9.35; cows and heifers 5.15 to 10.50; calves 9.25 to 14.50.

Sheep—Weak; wethers 10.50 to 11.75; ewes 7.75 to 11.00; lambs 11.90 to 14.35.

### NEW ORLEANS COTTON

**Market on the Whole a Tame Affair—Net Gain of 2 to 4 Points**

New Orleans, Feb. 7.—The cotton market here had periods of steadiness today and at one time bulged sharply, but on the whole it was a small and tame affair. The net change for the day was a net rise of 2 to 4 points.

Towards the middle of the day prices shot upward about 30 points on the rumor that England would extend its government insurance to neutral bottoms and cargoes, but a denial of the report by underwriters was heard in the afternoon and the market settled back into its quiet.

Momentarily on the opening call the strongest months were 1 to 3 points up, after which there was a decline on the uncertainty of the situation between this country and Germany. At the lowest, prices were 8 to 21 points below yesterday's close, from this there was a rise to level 17 to 20 points above. Closing bid:

March 15.05; May 15.15; July 15.27; October 14.93; December 15.05.

Spot cotton, nominal and unchanged. Sales on the spot 300 bales; to arrive 350; low middling 14.50.

## BREAK IN WHEAT VALUES

**Activities of German Submarines Send Prices as Much as Four Cents a Bushel Lower.**

Chicago, Feb. 7.—Activities of German U-boats caused sharp breaks today in wheat values. The market closed unsettled at the same as yesterday's finish to 4c lower, with May at 1.69¾ to 1.70, and July 1.46½ to 1.46¾. Corn and oats showed virtually no change as compared with 24 hours before. The outcome in provisions was a setback of 7½@10 to 52½.

Grain and provisions closed:

Wheat—May 1.69¼; July 1.46½.

Corn—May 1.01; July 99½.

Oats—May 54¼; July 53⅝.

Pork—May 29.10; July 28.80.

Lard—May 16.35; July 16.52.

Ribs—May 15.40; July 15.55.

Cash grain:

Wheat—No. 2 red, No. 3 red, No. 2 and No. 3 hard, nominal.

Corn—No. 2 yellow, nominal; No. 4 yellow 99 to 1.00; No. 4 white 99 to 1.00.

## MARINE.

### MARINE DIRECTORY.

**List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.**

**Steamers.**

Str. Nicaria (Ger.), 3,288 tons, Hollasch, Heide & Co.

Str. Kiel (Ger.), 2,872 tons, Lemke, Heide & Co.

Str. Clothilde Cuneo (Nor.), 680 tons, Juel, Heide & Co.

### WILMINGTON MARKETS.

(Quoted Daily by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, Feb. 7.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—50c.

ROSIN—$5.60, $5.35.

TAR—$2.75-12c.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—$4.00, $4.00, $3.00.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine, nominal; rosin, $5.00, $4.90; tar, $2.00-8½c; crude turpentine, $3.50, $3.50, $2.50.

**RECEIPTS:**

Spirits Turpentine ..... 3

Rosin ..... (—)

Tar ..... 153

Crude Turpentine ..... (—)

Receipts same day last year—Spirits turpentine, (—) casks; rosin, (—) barrels; tar, 63 barrels; crude turpentine 30 barrels.

**COTTON MARKET.**

Market—Nominal; same day last year, 11½c.

Receipts—73 bales; same day last year, 109 bales.

Total receipts since August 1 to date, 77,008 bales.

Total receipts to same date last year, 145,325 bales.

### BY RIVER AND RAIL

**Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at This Port Yesterday.**

February 7, 1917.

Atlantic Coast Line—73 bales cotton; 3 casks spirits turpentine; 9 barrels tar.

Seaboard Air Line—136 barrels tar.

Str. Addie Mae—8 barrels tar.

Total—73 bales cotton; 3 casks spirits turpentine; 153 barrels tar.

### PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Purchase price quoted by W. J. Meredith, Feb. 7.)

SWEET POTATOES—Yams, new, 70c to 80c bushel.

IRISH POTATOES—$2.00 per bu.

CORN—$1.15 to $1.17½ per bu.

BEEF—Native dressed, 9c. to 10c.

PORK—Small, 10c. to 12c. per pound.

WOOL—Burry, 20 to 22 1-2c; first class wool, 20c. to 35c.; highest grade, washed wool, 38c.

HIDES—Green, salt, 18c. to 20c.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON — Old hams, 25c.; sides and shoulders, 25c. per lb.; good demand.

BEESWAX—Firm, 28c. per pound; good demand.

POULTRY—Turkeys, 20c. to 22½c. on foot; dressed, 25c. to 27½c. lb.; chickens, grown, 45c. to 50c.; spring, 20c. to 25c. head.

EGGS—Dull, 32c to 34c.

### WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Feb. 7.—North Carolina peanuts, new crop, farmers' stock, fancy hand-picked, $1.15; No. 1, machine, $1.12 per bushel.

Virginia peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, Jumbos, 80c.; fancy hand-picked, 75c.; No. 1, machine picked, 65c.

Spanish peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, No. 1, small, machine picked, $1.25; Jumbos, $1.20 per bushel.

### PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., Feb. 7.—Spanish—Farmers' stock—Market steady, $1.42½ per bu.

Virginias, Farmers' stock—Market steady. Fancy Jumbo, 4¼ to 4½c per lb.; Extra Prime, 3¾ to 4c per lb.; Prime, 3¾c per lb.; Shelling Stock, 3¼ to 3¾c per lb.

### COTTON SEED OIL MARKET.

New York, Feb. 7.—After advancing on short covering in March, cotton seed oil reacted under scattered liquidation on the decline in lard and disrupted shipping conditions. At the close March was 9 points higher, while later months were 1 to 3 points net lower. Sales 17,000 barrels.

Close firm: Spot 12.55 bid; February 12.55 to 12.65; March 12.60 to 12.65; April 12.21 to 12.26; May 12.21 to 12.23; June 12.20 to 12.23; July 12.20 to 12.21; August 12.20 to 12.23; September 12.10 to 12.13.

### DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Feb. 7.—Cotton goods steadier today, with trading more active in finished goods at lower prices. Yarns were steadier, wool goods firm and silks quiet. Knit goods were firm.

### SAVANNAH NAVAL STORES.

Savannah, Feb. 7.—Turpentine dull, 51c; receipts 24; shipments 100; stock 15,984.

Rosin—Firm; receipts 340; shipments 250; stock 77,994. Quote: A B C D E F G, 6.10; H I K, 6.20; M, 6.35; N, 6.50; WG, 6.65; WW, 6.90.

## WAR BRIDES' GO HIGHER

**Rails Under Heavy Liquidation—Market Is Unsettled Due to the International Situation.**

New York, Feb. 7.—Conflicting and shifting movements in the stock market today resulted from increasing uncertainties in the international situation.

Shares of companies interested in war products were again brought forward, while rails were heavy under liquidation, commonly accepted as emanating from Teutonic sources. This view was heightened by the weakness of Canadian Pacific, a forme. favorite of the Berlin Bourse, which made a gross decline of 6 1-2 to 14⅝ 1-2.

Shares of the "Zoo" road, a Canadian Pacific subsidiary, yielded eight points, with 1 to 3 for other transcontinentals, grangers, coalers and some of the southern division. Minor rails were in light demand, with fresh weakness in New Haven.

Specialties made early gains which were lost on the later reversal in rails. United States Steel closed at a net loss of 1 3-8 points after having shown an actual gain of virtually a point.

Changes in other industrials, coppers and various unclassified issues were greater, forenoon advances of 3 to 6 points being substituted by net losses of 1 to 3 points, all the activity of the last hour being on the down scale.

Extraordinary strength of exchange rates on Berlin seemed confirmatory of the report that German interests were selling securities here and remitting the proceeds home.

International bonds were again irregular. Total sales, par value, $3,570,000.

United States governments also moved uncertainly, the fours advancing half per cent. and Panama threes declining that much.

### NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

| | |
|---|---|
| Allis Chalmers | 26⅛ |
| American Beet Sugar | 97 |
| American Can | 44¾ |
| American Car & Foundry | 64 |
| American Cotton Oil | 41 |
| American Locomotive | 70½ |
| American Smelting | 98⅛ |
| American Sugar | 106½ |
| American Tel. & Tel. | 125⅞ |
| American Tobacco | 212 |
| American Zinc | 37 |
| Anaconda Copper | 75¾ |
| Atchison | 102¼ |
| Atlantic Coast Line | 112¾ |
| Baldwin Locomotive | 53 |
| Baltimore & Ohio | 75¼ |
| Bethlehem Steel | 405 |
| Canadian Pacific | 149⅛ |
| Central Leather | 83⅝ |
| Chesapeake & Ohio | 58¾ |
| Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul | 79⅝ |
| Chicago, R. I. & Pac. Ry. | 26 |
| Colorado Fuel & Iron | 43½ |
| Consolidated Gas | 125 |
| Corn Products | 21½ |
| Crucible Steel | 64½ |
| Cuba Cane Sugar | 40¾ |
| Erie | 26 |
| General Electric | 164½ |
| Great Northern pfd | 112⅜ |
| Great Northern Ore Ctfs | 32½ |
| Goodrich | 57½ |
| Illinois Central | 102⅜ |
| Inspiration Copper | 54 |
| Int. Mer. Marine pfd | 64½ |
| International Nickel | 42 |
| International Paper | 42½ |
| Kansas City Southern | 21¾ |
| Kennecott Copper | 44 |
| Lehigh Valley | 74 |
| Louisville & Nashville | 122⅞ |
| Liggett & Myers | 260½ |
| Lorillard Co. | 210 |
| Maxwell Motors | 51⅛ |
| Mexican Petroleum | 89 |
| National Lead | 56½ |
| New York Central | 94 |
| N. Y., N. H. & Hartford | 40 |
| Norfolk & Western | 123⅝ |
| Northern Pacific | 102½ |
| Pennsylvania | 54 |
| Ray Consolidated Copper | 25⅞ |
| Reading | 90⅛ |
| Republic Iron & Steel | 76⅛ |
| Seaboard Air Line | 14¾ |
| Seaboard Air Line pfd | 34 |
| Sloss Shef. Steel & Iron | 60 |
| Studebaker Corporation | 102⅛ |
| Southern Pacific | 92¼ |
| Southern Railway | 27⅞ |
| Southern Railway pfd | 63 |
| Tennessee Copper | 14½ |
| Texas Company | 209 |
| Union Pacific | 133¾ |
| United Fruit | 139⅛ |
| United States Rubber | 55½ |
| United States Steel | 106 |
| United States Steel pfd | 117⅞ |
| Utah Copper | 107½ |
| Virginia Caro. Chem. | 38 |
| Wabash pfd "B" | 25½ |
| Western Union | 94½ |
| Westinghouse Electric | 52⅝ |
| Missouri Pacific w.i. | 28 |

### NEW YORK LIVE STOCK.

New York, Feb. 7.—Beeves, irregular; steers 7.50 to 11.50; bulls 6.50 to 9.00; cows 4.25 to 8.25.

Calves—Steady to firm; veals 11.00 to 16.00; culls 8.00 to 10.50; barn yard calves 6.00 to 7.00; yearlings 5.00 to 6.00; Indiana fed 7.00 to 10.00.

Sheep and Lambs—Quiet; sheep 7.00 to 10.50; good lambs 14.75; no really prime offered; culls 10.00.

Hogs—Higher; medium to heavy 12.50 to 12.75; pigs and lights 11.50 to 12.00; rough 11.00 to 11.50.

### NEW YORK PROVISIONS.

New York, Feb. 7.—Raw sugar firm; centrifugal 4.89; molasses 4.02; refined steady.

Butter and Cheese—Firm.

Coffee—Spot unchanged; Rio 7s, 10c; Santos 4s, 10½c.

### FOR $4,000 ANNUAL BUDGET

**Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce Decides Upon Campaign**

(Special Star Correspondence)

Fayetteville, N. C., Feb. 7.—The directors and a special committee of the chamber of commerce last night worked out a plan for a six-day newspaper advertising campaign and a ten-day financial drive to raise the chamber's yearly budget to $4,000 and enable the body to employ an expert manager and rate man. Six committees were named for the latter work, the city being divided into half a dozen parts and assigned to the several committees The employment of a manager and rate expert will enable the chamber to establish a traffic bureau and place it in the front rank of commercial bodies in this respect. To do this the chamber must have a budget of not less than $4,000 a year.

### THE WEATHER.

**United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.**

February 8, 1917.

Meteorological data for day ending at 8 P. M. yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 33 degrees; at 8 P. M., 45 degrees; maximum, 54 degrees; minimum, 31 degrees; mean, 42 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00 inch; rainfall for the month, to date, .01 inch.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. yesterday, 6.7 feet.

### THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina—Unsettled Thursday, probably rain, colder in extreme west portion; Friday generally fair and much colder.

**The Port Calendar, Feb. 8, 1917.**

Sun rises ..... 7:04 A. M.
Sun sets ..... 5:49 P. M.
Day's length ..... 10 hrs. 45 min.

**THE TIDES.**

| | High water. | | Low water. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | A.M. | P.M. | A.M. | P.M. |
| Wilmington | 10:42 | 11:02 | 5:54 | 6:20 |
| Southport | 8:36 | 8:50 | 2:33 | 3:03 |
| Masonboro Inlet. | 8:25 | 8:39 | 2:13 | 2:43 |

**WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS.**

February 7, 1917.

| STATIONS: | Weather at 8 P. M. | Temperature: Highest today. | Lowest Last night. | Precipitation at 8 P. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Abilene | clear | 50 | 40 | .01 |
| Asheville | pt cldy | 52 | 22 | .0 |
| Atlanta | cldy | 50 | 34 | .0 |
| Augusta | cldy | 58 | 28 | .0 |
| Baltimore | clear | 44 | .. | .0 |
| Birmingham | cldy | 52 | 36 | .01 |
| Boston | cldy | 34 | 18 | .0 |
| Charleston | pt cldy | 56 | 34 | .0 |
| Charlotte | cldy | 54 | 30 | .0 |
| Chicago | cldy | 32 | 28 | .0 |
| Galveston | cldy | 56 | 52 | 1.78 |
| Jaxville | clear | 62 | 38 | .0 |
| Memphis | cldy | 48 | 40 | .0 |
| Mobile | cldy | 56 | 42 | .0 |
| Montgomery | cldy | 58 | 34 | .0 |
| N. Orleans | cldy | 62 | 44 | .24 |
| New York | cldy | 36 | 20 | .0 |
| Oklahoma | clear | 54 | 30 | .0 |
| Palestine | cldy | 48 | 42 | .36 |
| Pittsburg | clear | 38 | 16 | .0 |
| Raleigh | clear | 54 | 28 | .0 |
| Savannah | cldy | 60 | 36 | .0 |
| Shreveport | cldy | 48 | 40 | .0 |
| St. Louis | clear | 46 | 32 | .0 |
| Washington | clear | 48 | 20 | .0 |


## When You Feel Tired, No Appetite, Headache.

(By W. M. Grantier, M. D.)

If your wife tells you that you are "grouchy" and out-of-sorts, be thankful for the suggestion, and set to work to get your liver busy for it is more than likely that its inactivity is at the bottom of your trouble. Don't blame your liver for not doing its work! You have undoubtedly been giving it too much to do. You may have occasional headaches, feel tired, no appetite, and coated tongue, and this condition may lead up to other things. At such times you are the easiest prey for colds, grip, or the disease germs of malaria, typhoid, the deadly phthisis, or the many ills which carry off so many of our citizens.

My advice is, give up alcohol, tea and coffee. If you must drink something with your meals let it be a cup of hot water. Begin in the morning with a pint of hot water with a half lemon squeezed in it, if possible, and drink it a half hour or less before breakfast.

Take a few minutes of bending exercise and breathing in the morning. Walk in theoutdoor air. Occasionally, say, once a week, take a good laxative, one that is entirely vegetable. A good one is that made up of the extract of May-apple, vegetable calomel, and jalap, and can be had at every drug store, for it has been sold for nearly 50 years as Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellete.

If you are occasionally troubled with rheumatic pains or lumbago, pain in the back, toes or muscles of the body, this is due to uric acid stored in the system. The liver and kidneys do not act properly. For such a person, I advise taking Anuric (double strength) three times daily for a week or two. This Anuric throws out the uric acid which accumulates, and if taken occasionally will prevent or cure rheumatism and gout. There is no difficulty in obtaining Anuric at any drug store.

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**Arrivals and Departures of Trains at Wilmington, Effective Feb. 5th, 1917. Time Not Guaranteed.**

| DEPARTURES | TO AND FROM | ARRIVALS |
|---|---|---|
| No. 90 8:20 A. M. Daily except Sunday. | Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad. Through Sleeping Car between Wilmington and Raleigh. Open to receive passengers, after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied, Southbound until 7:00 A. M. | No. 91 1:15 A. M. Daily except Monday. |
| No. 82 5:30 A. M. Daily. | Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia open to receive outbound passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied, inbound, until 7:00 A. M. | No. 50 12:20 A. M. Daily. |
| No. 64 5:45 A. M. Daily except Sunday. | Jacksonville, New Bern and Intermediate stations. | No. 65 6:15 P. M. Daily except Sunday. |
| No. 48 8:00 A. M. Daily. | Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington. **Parlor cars between Wilmington and Norfolk, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains having Pullman service.** | No. 49 6:05 P. M. Daily. |
| No. 53 8:45 A. M. Daily. | Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford. | No. 52 8:00 P. M. Daily. |
| No. 63 8:05 P. M. Daily. | Jacksonville, New Bern and intermediate stations. | No. 63 12:30 P. M. Daily. |
| No. 55 3:45 P. M. Daily. | Chadbourn, Florence, Columbia, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida points. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta. **Sleeping cars daily between Florence and Columbia,** which may be occupied at Columbia until 7:00 A. M. | No. 54 12:50 P. M. Daily. |
| No. 59 6:30 P. M. Daily except Sunday. | Fayetteville and intermediate stations. | No. 60 10:15 A. M. Daily except Sunday. |
| No. 42 6:45 P. M. Daily. | Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York Trains, carrying dining cars; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk. | No. 41 9:50 A. M. Daily. |

For folders, reservations, rates of fares, etc., call 'phone 160.

T. C. WHITE, Passenger Traffic Manager. W. J. CRAIG, General Passenger Agent.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

## SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

**IN EFFECT DECEMBER 4, 1916.**

**WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE, WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH**

| EASTBOUND | | | WESTBOUND | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Leave "Electric Centre" for Winter P'rk | Leave "Electric Centre" for Wrightsv'le | Leave "Electric Centre" for Beach | Leave Beach for Wilmington | Leave Wrightsv'le for Wilmington | Leave Winter P'rk for Wilmington |
| *6:30 A.M. | *6:30 A.M. | *6:30 A.M. | ..... | *6:15 A.M. | *6:26 A.M. |
| 16:30 A.M. | 16:30 A.M. | x16:30 A.M. | x7:05 A.M. | 7:15 A.M. | 7:26 A.M. |
| *6:50 A.M. | *6:50 A.M. | ..... | ..... | *7:20 A.M. | *7:31 A.M. |
| *8:00 A.M. | *8:00 A.M. | ..... | *7:40 A.M. | *7:50 A.M. | *8:01 A.M. |
| *8:30 A.M. | *8:30 A.M. | *8:30 A.M. | ..... | *8:30 A.M. | *8:41 A.M. |
| 18:30 A.M. | 18:30 A.M. | x18:30 A.M. | x9:05 A.M. | 9:15 A.M. | 9:26 A.M. |
| 10:00 A.M. | 10:00 A.M. | 10:00 A.M. | *9:15 A.M. | *9:25 A.M. | *9:36 A.M. |
| 11:30 A.M. | 11:30 A.M. | 11:30 A.M. | ..... | 10:20 A.M. | 10:31 A.M. |
| 11:00 P.M. | 11:00 P.M. | 11:00 P.M. | 10:45 A.M. | 10:55 A.M. | 11:06 A.M. |
| *1:10 P.M. | *1:10 P.M. | x*1:10 P.M. | 12:15 P.M. | 12:25 P.M. | 12:36 P.M. |
| o1:55 P.M. | o1:55 P.M. | ..... | 11:45 P.M. | 11:55 P.M. | 12:06 P.M. |
| 2:30 P.M. | 2:30 P.M. | ..... | x*1:45 P.M. | *1:50 P.M. | *2:01 P.M. |
| 3:00 P.M. | 3:00 P.M. | 3:00 P.M. | ..... | *2:25 P.M. | *2:36 P.M. |
| 3:30 P.M. | ..... | ..... | ..... | o3:00 P.M. | o3:11 P.M. |
| o4:10 P.M. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | o3:50 P.M. |
| 4:30 P.M. | 4:30 P.M. | 4:30 P.M. | 3:45 P.M. | 3:55 P.M. | 4:06 P.M. |
| o4:50 P.M. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | o4:30 P.M. |
| 5:30 P.M. | 5:30 P.M. | ..... | ..... | ..... | o5:10 P.M. |
| 6:10 P.M. | 6:10 P.M. | ..... | 5:15 P.M. | 5:25 P.M. | 5:36 P.M. |
| 6:40 P.M. | 6:40 P.M. | x6:40 P.M. | ..... | 6:00 P.M. | 6:11 P.M. |
| 7:15 P.M. | 7:15 P.M. | ..... | ..... | 6:40 P.M. | 6:51 P.M. |
| 8:15 P.M. | 8:15 P.M. | ..... | z7:15 P.M. | 7:20 P.M. | 7:31 P.M. |
| 9:15 P.M. | 9:15 P.M. | 9:15 P.M. | ..... | 7:55 P.M. | 8:06 P.M. |
| 10:15 P.M. | 10:15 P.M. | ..... | ..... | 8:45 P.M. | 8:56 P.M. |
| 11:15 P.M. | 11:15 P.M. | ..... | 10:00 P.M. | 10:10 P.M. | 10:21 P.M. |
| ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 10:45 P.M. | 10:56 P.M. |
| ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 11:45 P.M. | 11:56 P.M. |

**SPECIAL FOR SUNDAYS**

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| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
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| 6:15 A.M. Ar. | Goldsboro | Lv. | 10:25 P.M. |
| 6:45 A.M. Lv. | Goldsboro | Ar. | 9:25 P.M. |
| 7:40 A.M. Ar. | Selma | Lv. | 8:38 P.M. |
| 8:52 A.M. Ar. | Raleigh | Lv. | 7:25 P.M. |

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No 13.—3:55 P. M.—Train for Charlotte and Intermediate Points. PULLMAN PARLOR CAR. WILMINGTON TO CHARLOTTE.

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No. 20—12:10 A. M.—Train from Charlotte and Intermediate Points. SLEEPING CAR BETWEEN CHARLOTTE AND WILMINGTON. PASSENGERS MAY REMAIN IN SLEEPER UNTIL 7:00 A. M.

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**$23.45—Pensacola, Fla.**

**$24.55—Mobile, Ala.**

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Account Mardi Gras Celebration. Tickets will be sold Feb. 12 to 19, inclusive, limited returning until March 2nd, but may be extended until March 10th by depositing and paying $1.00.

**Proportionate Fares from Other Points on the ATANTIC COAST LINE, "The Standard Railroad of the South." 'Phone 160.**

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### Administration Spends Another Day Preparing for Whatever Time May Bring Forth

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reports received here show a total of 56,600 tons for two days, or destruction at the rate of 850,000 a month.

German naval experts have said it would be necessary to cut off 1,000,000 tons a month to completely isolate England. If the present rate of 850,000 destroyed is maintained, it is suggested that the balance will be more than made up by the enormous amount of neutral shipping held in port by the various neutral governments and private shippers.

Hereafter the government will seek to have kept secret the fact of departur of vessels for the war zone in order not to invite unnecessary risks. The Treasury Department has previously issued strict instructions against the publication of manifests, and every effort will be made from now on to allow as little information as possible to find its way to German submarine commanders.

**Statement to Shippers.**

The statement to shippers was sent today to all who had previously requested a ruling by the department, and included both freight and passenger carrying vessels. Information at the Navy Department shows that guns for merchant craft are available in practically all navy yards and that gunners could be quickly provided.

Passengers who intend to sail to Europe are referred by the State Department to the officials of the lines on which they are to sail, on the basis that such officials can, if they wish, show them the opinion rendered by the department as to their right to sail and explain to them any measures there may have been taken for safety. It is undrstood from this that the department will issue no further statement.

The Austrian situation seemed more hopeless today than at any time since the German declaration. 'Charge Zwiedinek called at the department, but no details were given out as to his visit.

**General Protest by Neutrals.**

That most of the neutral world will line up behind this country at least to the extent of vigorously protesting against the German campaign became evident today with reports that Spain, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Brazil, Bolivia and probably other Latin-American countries would publish their replies shortly. While it is not believed that any of these nations, particularly the Europeans contiguous to Germany, will formally sever relations, their protest is valued as a means of moral condemnation.

After consultation with the President, Secretary Baker issued a statement pointing out that German ships at Panama and the Philippine Islands had not been seized, as has been reported, and that nothing would be done by the American authorities which might be considered as questioning their ownership. Because of the disabling of some of the ships, however, precautionary measures have been adopted.

**Full Consideration for Germans.**

Spokesmen of the administration went to great pains to emphasize that the American government will follow to the letter the law in dealing with German subjects and property in the United States. Even should war come, German residents will be treated with the utmost consideration. It is understood that the government virtually has determined to observe the terms of the old Prussian-American treaty of 1828, under which the citizens of each country in the territory of the other would be given nine months in which to dispose of their personal and real property and leave the country.

### ANCHOR LINE OFFICIALS SAY NO AMERICANS ABOARD

New York, Feb. 7.—No American citizens were among the 31 passengers on the California, according to officials of the Anchor Line in this city. Records filed when applications were made for passage showed that while many of the persons who sailed on the liner lived in the United States they were subjects of Great Britain. The crew numbered 187.

The cable message received at the Anchor Line offices in this city announcing the sinking of the California said that 160 survivors out of the total of 215 persons aboard the vessel had been landed. Nothing was said of the fate of the remaining 55.

Consul Frost's report to the State Department that there were "thirty hospital cases" was construed to mean that the survivors suffered from exposure in the open boats or injuries received in leaving the sinking vessel. The message did not state whether the California had been torpedoed or sunk by a mine.

The California, which sailed from New York for Glasgow January 29, was armed with a defense gun mounted aft. She was due in Glasgow today or tomorrow and in the absence of details as to her exact position when sunk it was believed here she must have been off the north of Ireland.

The vessel, which was of 8,662 tons, carried a full cargo believed to consist, in part at least, of war supplies. Under a recent ruling of Collector of the Port Dudley Field Malone, details of cargo on board departing ships is withheld, and the agents of the Anchor Line declined to divulge the nature of the shipments.

Officers of the California, the first large liner to be sunk since the publication of the recent German note defining a new sea policy, were: Captain John L. Henderson, Surgeon William F. Alger, Purser D. Etherington, Chief Steward W. Henry.

The loss of the California leaves the Adriatic, Baltic and Cretic, also British passenger vessels, now at sea to be heard from, the Baltic being due to arrive at Liverpool today.

The California was one of four large twin screw passenger vessels built in 1907 for the Anchor Line fleet, the others being the Cameronia, Caledonia and Columbia. She was 470 feet long, and was fitted up with all modern conveniences for the comfort of sea travelers.

### MRS. CUTHILL HAD STARTED FOR VISIT IN SCOTLAND

Casper, Wyo., Feb. 7.—Mrs. Alexander Cuthill, a passenger on board the liner California, started about two weeks ago to visit her parents in Scotland. Mr. Cuthill has taken out his first papers of naturalization and has filed on a homestead here.

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# THINKS U-BOAT ACTS CAN'T BE MADE WORSE

### Says Horrifying Practices Have Already Reached Limit

**French Minister of Marine, Nevertheless, Expects "A Month or Two" of More Active Destruction of Shipping**

Paris, Feb. 7.—Rear-Admiral Lacaze, minister of marine, in a statement to the Associated Press today on the German submarine campaign, said:

"The German submarine campaign cannot in its spirit and in the quality of its acts be worse than it has been. The crews of vessels torpedoed, whether belonging to neutrals or the allies, have been put adrift in open boats during all this winter to die more cruelly of cold and hunger than if they had been shot at once. Ships' boats during this season of high winds and bitter cold cannot keep the seas.

"Now we shall probably have a month or two of torpedoing more active than heretofore. We have had these declarations of the intention to submarine ships regardless of sea rights two or three times before, following intervals during which the Germans accumulated submarine. A larger number will be sent out now; then probably we shall have another period of relative inactivity, during which the submarines lost will be replaced and those damaged repaired."

Admiral Lacaze had upon his desk reports of the torpedoing on Sunday night of the Danish steamer Lars Kruze, loaded with food for the Belgian relief committee for the Belgians and the inhabitants of the invaded districts of France.

"The vessel was torpedoed without notice towards midnight," said the admiral. "Every man of the crew of 19 perished except one. He was rescued by a French torpedo boat."

### GERMANS FORCED OUT OF VILLAGE OF GRANDCOURT.

**London Reports Enemy Suffered Heavily in That Region.**

London, Feb. 7.—"As a result of our continuous pressure on both banks of the Ancre river, the enemy has been forced to veacuate the villag of Grand court, which is now entirely in our possession," says the British official communication issued this evening, "together with a defensive work adjoining it. We secured a few prisoners. During the operations of the last few days the enemy suffered heavy losss in the neighborhood.

"A hostile raid attempted during the right, in the neighborhood of Guedecourt, broke down under our barrage. Early last night we entered the enemy's lines southwest of LaBasee and killed a number of Germans and destroyed several dugouts; we took a few prisoners.

"The mutual artillery activity was most marked north of the Somme in the neighborhood of Coucelette and between Armentieres and Ypres. Effective counter battery wor kwas carried out by us during the day at a number of places along our front.

"Bombing operations by our airplanes continues yesterday with success. There were many aiar fights. Three German machines were driven down damaged. Two of ours are missing."

### STRANGE VESSEL RESEMBLING SUBMARINE SIGHTED BY TUG

**She Flew No Flag and Veered to the South off Massachusetts Coast**

Boston, Feb. 7.—The sighting of a strange vessel resembling a submarine was reported tonight byCapt.Smith A koss, master of a harbor tug. Captain Ross said he saw the stranger four miles off Marble Head this morning. She was heading in from sea at a speed which he estimated at about 15 to 18 knots an hour, but after being sighted veered to the south, towards Cape Cod.

Captain Ross expressed the belief that it was a submarine. He was familiar with American undersea boats, he said, but was certain the craft he sighted was not one of the American type. The stranger flew no flag.

After receiving the report from Captain Ross, navy yard officials began a check on vessels known to be in these waters, but all which might answer the description of the tug were accounted for.

The strange vessel was described by Captain Ross as from 300 to 350 feet long, lying low in the water, with a small conical house or superstructure about 15 or 18 feet high, just forward of amidship.

### CHILEAN GOVERNMENT HAS REPLY TO GERMANY READY

Santiago, Chila, Feb. 7—The Havas Agency learns from a good source that the response of the Chilean government to Germany is ready and that it will not differ in any great degree from the replies of the majority of the neutral powers which have protested against infractions of the rules of international law with respect to freedom of the seas.

**Fleet Londs Shells**

Philadelphia, Feb. 7.—A large assignment of the eight and 12-inch shells were put aboard the battleships of the Atlantic reserve fleet at the navy yard today.

### ANNOUNCEMENT.

Mr. O. A. Clement, specialist in home portraiture and copying old photos, doguerreotypes, etc., will be at the Orton, arriving tonight. He has twelve years experience and will be pleased to consult people desiring services of an expert. Mr. Clement further specializes in high class photographic portrait work in the home where the best results can be secured. For appointments, telephone clerk at the Orton. (Advertisement.)

### REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE TO LOOK AFTER ORGANIZATION

Washington, Feb. 7.—Twenty-seven Republican representatives, including Mr. Slemp, of Virginia, were named today by Representative Greene, of Massachusetts, chairman of the Republican caucus, as the committee authorized at Monday night's caucus "to take under consideration questions relating to the organization of the House in the next Congress." Representative Gardner, who circulated the petition for the caucus and then lost his fight for a tentative Progressive legislative program for the Republicans in the next Congress, was not put on the committee.

### ARGENTINE REPLY HANDED TO THE GERMAN MINISTER

Buenos Aires, Feb. 7.—The Argentine government this evening handed to the German minister its reply to Germany's notification of the new zone of naval warfare established by that country. The Argentine note declares the government regrets that the German emperor has thought fito adopt measures so extreme and that Argentina will conform its conduct, as always, to the principles and fundamental rules of international lak.

### STEAMERS HELD IN PORT INDEFINITELY

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They are effective from all American ports to all destinations.

The greatest advances are in the rates from Atlantic and Pacific ports of the United States to South America and from Pacific ports of the United States to China and Japan. The former are increased from 1-10 of one per cent. to one per cent.; the latter from 1-20 of one per cent. to half of one per cent.

From American ports to the west coast of Great Britain an increase of from half of one per cent. to two per cent. is announced; to London an increase of 5-8 of one per cent. to two per cent. Other increases are as follows:

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To Rotterdam, from 5-8 of one per cent. to two per cent.

To various ports in France, from half of one per cent. and 3-4 of one per cent., according to location, to two per cent. flat.

To western Italy, from 3-4 of one per cent. to two per cent.

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**FOUND—BLACK AND WHITE SETter** dog. Took up here Sunday. Owner may get same by proving ownership and paying for this ad. 411 North Second street. Phone 1259-J. fe 8-1t

**COTTAGE CHEESE—STARTING FRI**day ,we will have for sale cottage cheese made fresh daily; also fresh sweet cream from Pender Test Farm. The cream which took prize at exhibition in Raleigh. The A. G. Warren Ice Cream Co., Phone 485. fe 8-1t*

**WANTED—ROOM OR ROOM AND** board, by young man. Address P. O. Box 526, City. fe 8-1t*

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**WANTED — TWO UNFURNISHED** rooms. Address "Quick" care Star office. fe 8-1t

**FOR RENT—NICE FIVE ROOM COT**tage at 211 Woodrow Place, between Church and Castle streets. Practically on Third street. Centrally located. Convenient to cars and business. Cheap if taken at once; only $2.00 per week. Address Rev. J. S. Crowley, 508 South Third street. fe 8-1t*

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**WE ARE AGENTS FOR CYPHERS IN**cubators and brooders. See "Hatch" now coming off in our office window. Schloss, Bear & Davis Co., 208 Market street. fe 8-1t*

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